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'No happiness' in Osama bin Laden's death

BRIAN SWEENEY'S MOTHER SPEAKS AFTER 9/11 MASTERMIND KILLED

Brian Sweeney

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — Leonard and Luise Sweeney were sleeping a little after midnight Monday, May 2 when their daughter Anne woke them up.

She had received phone calls and e-mails from friends all over the country telling her about news reports claiming the man responsible for her brother Brian's death had been killed himself.

"When she told me, I woke up out of a sound sleep," Luise Sweeney, Brian's mother, said Monday afternoon from her home in Spencer. "And I was thinking of [Libyan leader Muammar] Gaddafi. And then it hit me she said Osama bin Laden."

President Barack Obama made it official in a nighttime speech Sunday, May 1: Navy SEALs launched an operation earlier in the day on a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan to get bin Laden, the founder of al-Qaida who was behind the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. After a firefight, bin Laden was killed.

Spencer native Brian Sweeney, 38, was on United Airlines Flight 175, which struck the south tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. He graduated from David Prouty High School in 1981. He joined the Navy and served in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He later was a systems consultant for the Department of Defense and the aeronautics industry at a company in Los Angeles.

"My emotions have been over the place," Luise Sweeney said, her voice

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PLAY BALL!

David Dore photo

Members of the Dyson Dragons Under 8 softball team show off their "rally visors." At the Leicester Little League Parade.

Saturday, April 30 was a prime day for Little League baseball in the area. Three opening day ceremonies — in Leicester, North Brookfield and in the Spencer/Brookfields league — each held opening day ceremonies

More photos in Sect. B

M. Catherine Byszek photo

Five players stand and smile for the camera at the NorthBrookfield Little League Parade.

ELECTION 2011

Geraldo Alicea

Peter Durant

6th Worcester District Special Election

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Spencer (Precincts 1 and 4): Memorial Town Hall, Main Street (Route 9)
East Brookfield: Memorial Town Complex, Connie Mack Drive

Please see profiles on page 9 and 13

Peter Boria

Robert Cirba

David Dore photos

Julia, left, and Caity McElroy campaign for their mother, tax collector candidate (and eventual winner) Brenda C. McElroy outside Brookfield Town Hall Monday night.

Grant loss puts pressure on Brookfield Citizen

BY M. CATHERINE BYSZEK
NEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

BROOKFIELD — Uncle Phil wants your help, now more than ever.

The April edition of the Brookfield Citizen featured a front-page column by Philip Peirce announcing that community donations to the publication are low.

"The level of response is meager, at best," wrote the managing editor of the monthly newsletter. "And I understand that times are tough, but all I ask is an acknowledgement that the Brookfield Citizen provides some needs and that you appreciate us enough to offer a token of your gratitude. If you've got a lot, give a lot; if you've got a little, give a little. Please, and thank you to those who have already responded."

He concluded his editorial message with a cartoon with a large finger pointing at the reader with the words "Uncle Phil wants you!" spoofing on the traditional Uncle Sam slogan.

Peirce explained the "Uncle Phil Wants You" has been a fundraising tactic for years, but "prior to now, the economy hasn't presented such a negative effect on our operations."

According to Peirce, most of the Brookfield Citizen's current budget problems have actually been caused by the Jeppson Memorial Fund, administered by the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, no longer providing funding for the Citizen. The foundation had supported the publica-

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McElroy, Leger, Wassmer earn victories in Brookfield

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

BROOKFIELD — Brenda C. McElroy, Celeste A. Leger and Ronald J. Wassmer Jr. were the big winners in the May 2 Annual Town Election.

McElroy, a member of the Board of Assessors, topped Roger D. Mundell Jr. 376-251 to become the town's first elected tax collector in more than a decade. Leger beat Devon M. Earnest 311-224 for a three-year term on the Planning Board, while Wassmer defeated Edward H. Williams Sr. by a 333-237 margin.

Earning posts without opposition were William J. Frangiamore for town moderator, Stephen J. Comtois II for the Board of Selectmen (replacing James Allen), Donna M. Wentzell for the Board of Assessors, Sharon Holly

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East Brookfield to hold Town Meeting Wednesday

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — One day after they head to the polls for two elections, East Brookfield voters will gather for the 20-article Annual Town Meeting.

The session will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at the Memorial Town Complex on Connie Mack Drive.

Scheduled to face decisions are the budgets for the town and the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee, along with the school district's separate capital request (which has items such as repairs to the cement landing at Knox Trail Junior High School) and tuition and transportation for vocational school students.

Article 14 would authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission "to take any action" on grants — both current and future — for lake restoration. Article 19 would put money into the Special Fire Engine Purchase Account, and Article 20 would fund treatments for North Pond and South Pond.

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Races nearly set for Leicester election

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — There could be as many as three contested positions on the June 14 Annual Town Election ballot, based on the number of residents returning nomination papers by the April 25 deadline.

Two available seats on the Board of Selectmen and two on the School Committee have each attracted the interest of four people, while three people are running for two seats on the Planning Board.

Candidates have until Wednesday, May 11 to withdraw if they do not want to be on the ballot.

Expressing interest in the selectmen's seats are incumbent Dianna Provencher, Thomas Buckley III, Matthew Dennison and Andrew Klein. Thomas Brennan Jr. said in March he would not seek another term.

Mark Armington and James Gonyea are seeking re-election to the School Committee. Also running are Sherry Lee Hurley and Lawrence Spaulding Jr.

Incumbent Jason Grimshaw is running for the Planning Board, along with Thomas Jacobs and Sharon Nist. Nist is hoping to earn a promotion of sorts from associate member. Patricia Dykas-Gonet decided not to seek re-election.

Running unopposed are Pauline Lareau and Paul Ravina for the Board of Library Trustees, Deborah Davis for town clerk, Debra Rigiero for the Board of Health, James LaMonda for the Board of Assessors and Harry Brooks for the Moose Hill Water Commission.

The last day to register to vote in the June election is Tuesday, May 24. The town clerk's office at Town Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. that day.

Pre-election campaign finance reports are due Monday, June 6, while post-election financial reports are due Thursday, July 14.

The Leicester Democratic Town Committee will sponsor a Non-Partisan Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 at Hillcrest Country Club. Candidates, supporters and interested voters who want to get to know the hopefuls for office are invited to attend.

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NEWS BRIEFS

David Prouty art show features students' work

SPENCER — David Prouty's Annual Art Show Reception and Awards Ceremony was held Tuesday, May 3 in the high school lobby.

The show features more than 200 pieces of art created by students during the 2010-11 school year. The artwork will be on display in the front lobby of the high school from May 2 until May 16 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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East Brookfield seeks Corps of Engineers dam permit

CONCORD — The Town of East Brookfield is seeking a permit from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work in waters of the United States in conjunction with retaining and maintaining a dam on the Five Mile River in North Brookfield.

The permit applicant proposes to retain and maintain a check dam on the Five Mile River. Work is proposed in Lake Lashaway/Five Mile River off of Harrington Street/Shore Road in East Brookfield/North Brookfield. The check dam provides a mechanism to control the flow and water elevation of Five Mile River during the annual draw down of Lake Lashaway.

The new dam provides additional safety for workers when opening and closing the structure. The dam will be raised between May 1 and May 31 and lowered between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31, dependent on weather variations. The original dam was permitted by the Corps under permit number MA-KABR-82-310 and modified on Sept. 13, 1983. The original permit allowed for a draw down after Oct. 1 with a stable low water elevation reached by Dec. 15 and required that re-flooding is completed by March 1. It was then amended to allow for draw down to-happen after Sept. 20.

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of material in U.S. waters, including wetlands. The Corps public notice, with more detailed information on the proposed project, can be reviewed online at the Corps website http://www.nae.usace.army.mil. Select Regulatory/Permitting and then weekly public notices and search by file number or state.

Public comments on the Corps permit review (File # NAE-2006-2427) should be forwarded no later than May 26, 2011 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division (ATTN: Richard Kristoff), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751.

Additional information is available from Permit Project Manager Richard Kristoff at 978-318-8171 or toll 800-343-4789 or 800-362-4367 (if calling from within Massachusetts) or by email to: Richard.c.kristoff@usace.army.mil. Each month the Corps publishes a list of permits that were issued or denied during the previous month. Go to the website www.nae.usace.army.mil/reg and select "General Permit Authorizations and Individual Permits" to view these updates.

Taking back drugs

David Dore photo

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Police Officer Tammy Willey looks through medication brought to the police station Saturday, April 30, for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This is the second year the collection sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency has been held, and the first time North Brookfield police participated. Collections were also held in Warren, Leicester and Charlton.

Economy Shop open in May

SPENCER – The Economy Shop of the First Congregational Church, 207 Main Street (Rte9) will be open every Thursday and Friday:

Thursday, May 5 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.

Friday, May 6 from 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, 12, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 – 8 pm.

Friday, May 13 from 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 19 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6 – 8 pm.

Friday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Leicester letter carriers to help 'Stamp Out Hunger' May 14

LEICESTER — On Saturday, May 14, area letter carriers will again help Stamp Out Hunger! as they participate in the nation's largest one-day food drive.

U.S. Postal Service letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will collect donated food items as they walk and drive along their postal routes

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger! effort began 19 years ago. Last year, letter carriers across the country collected a record total of 77.1 million pounds of food. This was the seventh consecutive year that the drive exceeded 70 million pounds of donated food.

Supporting the drive again this year are the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell Soup Company, Feeding America, Valpak, National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, the AFL-CIO and United Way Worldwide and its local United Way campaign.

To help Stamp Out Hunger!, simply leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, like canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta,

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"I think we're all the same. Some have said thank God, but it's bittersweet. I can't tell you I'm happy. I can tell you I'm sad. I don't know what this is going to bring about. I think we're still in a very uncertain time."

-Luise Sweeney, mother of Spencer native Brian Sweeney (one of the victims of United Airlines Flight 175 in the 9/11 attacks), commenting on the feelings she experienced after hearing about the death of Osama bin Laden Sunday night, May 1.

One or two ballots? Depends on your location

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

In Spencer, next week's 6th Worcester District special election means longer voting hours and some people getting two ballots instead of the usual one.

In East Brookfield, everyone will be getting two ballots.

The special election and the Annual Town Election in both communities are scheduled for Tuesday, May 10. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Spencer Memorial Town Hall and the East Brookfield Memorial Town Complex. That is a change in Spencer from the usual noon to 8 p.m. schedule because of the additional state election.

Everyone in Spencer and East Brookfield will decide the only contested races on both municipal ballots, for the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School Committee. Joshua Cote and Paul Fournier are running for the Spencer post, while incumbent Peter Rock of East Brookfield is facing a challenge from Mary Gershman.

But only voters in East Brookfield and Precincts 1 and 4 in Spencer will decide who will represent the 6th Worcester District in the state House of Representatives. Incumbent Geraldo Alicea (D-Charlton) is running against Republican Peter Durant, a Spencer selectman, and independents Peter Boria, a Charlton selectman, and Robert Cirba, a Spencer School Committee representative.

Spencer Town Administrator Adam Gaudette and East Brookfield Town Clerk Virginia Allen said last week that because of the additional election, each community would have two check-in tables and two checkout tables. Voters will get separate ballots and can make their decisions at the same time.

On the town ballots, running unopposed in Spencer are Donald Berthiaume Jr. and Robert "Bo" Fritze Jr. for the Board of Selectmen, William Shemeth III for the Parks and Recreation Commission, Donna Flannery for a five-year term on the Housing Authority, Richard Leveillee for a three-year term on the Housing Authority, Mary Barrell for treasurer/collector, Raymond Holmes Jr. for tree warden, Maureen Hatch for assessor, Robert Zukowski for the Bay Path School Committee, Michael Mercadante for a two-year term on the Sewer Commission, Lawrence Dufault for a three-year term on the Sewer Commission, Therese Beckwith for the Board of Library Trustees, Norman Letendre Jr. for the Water Commission and Daniel Shields for the Board of Health.

Berthiaume said at the April 25 selectmen's meeting he and Fritze decided they would not put out campaign signs for their race because there is the same number of available seats as candidates.

"We're not going to plaster the town with signs because there's only two of us," he said.

Candidates on the Town Election ballot in East Brookfield and the seats they are hoping to keep are Larry Gordon for the Board of Selectmen, Sandra Buxton for the Finance Committee, Rae Anne Barnes for treasurer, Sandra L. Kady for tax collector, Susan V. Jacobs for the Board of Assessors, Susan Gordon for the Board of Health, Jennifer McNeaney for both cemetery commissioner and trustee of shade trees and cemetery funds, Christine Lamoureux and Robert Ciaffone for the Trustees of the Public Library, Michael Jaquith and Andre J. Cormier Sr. for the Planning Board and Robert H. Allen for tree warden.

For information on absentee ballots, call Spencer Town Clerk Jean Mulhall's office at (508) 885-7500, ext. 150 or East Brookfield Town Clerk Virginia Allen's office at (508) 867-6769, ext. 301.

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Committee presents its vision for Brookfield Common

BY M. CATHERINE BYSZEK
NEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

BROOKFIELD — The town common in Brookfield has been a center for social events and town gatherings for decades.

The residents of Brookfield established the Banister Common and Mall Committee "to serve as steward of the town's historic common, located in the heart of the Brookfield Common National Register District." The common was donated to the town in 1735 and has been an excellent resource to the town for a variety of events, not to mention a clean, pristine stretch of beauty for residents and passersby to enjoy. Originally, it was larger in size but over time the plot has grown smaller. It is still quite an invaluable piece of land in the town of Brookfield.

The Banister Common Committee has commissioned the Landscape Master Plan. According to the town's website, the plan's purpose is to provide a roadmap for preserving the landscape's historic features and providing for contemporary and future uses. Among a variety of goals for the common, this plan lists a summary of uses, a review of the landscape's history and study of its physical changes throughout time, a summary of preliminary observations about the landscape's existing conditions, an assessment of existing conditions and finally, a plan as to how the common can provide for both contemporary and future uses.

Various plans and "concepts" were researched and thoroughly explored. However, for the final preservation master plan, done by Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture, the committee selected alternative concept No. 1, with a few minor modifications.

They would like to see the north end of the mall reclaimed and the island made part of the mall. Obtrusive utilities are to be placed in conduits underground and a tree planting scheme has been established, incorporating some of the older, more spectacular trees.

Courtesy graphic

This is the design the Banister Common and Mall Committee and Martha Lyon Landscape Architecture came up with for the Brookfield common.

The low point of the common is to be reserved for a tent lawn/ice skating. Memorials are to be grouped together to form more of a memorial garden space. Parking on Upper River Street along the common will be relocated to the west side of the street, which will include 17 parallel spaces.

The common will be expanded westward to fill removed parking spaces; Common Street along the mall would be narrowed so that the entire length of the street (from Lincoln Street to Route 9) is 20 feet, allowing for parallel parking and one travel lane. Common Street would become one way going north from Central Street to Route 9, and one way going south from Central Street to Lincoln Street. The width between the mall and common would be narrowed to 28 feet and surfaced with special paving. The bandstand would be moved to the north end of the common, with performance seating area placed to the south of the bandstand.

The planting design is intended to replicate that seen in historic photographs, from the early 1900s, in long alleys running north and south through the common and mall. There will be special paving for the roads and sidewalks, and the central walkway will be removed.

The Banister Common and Mall Committee presented its plan to the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, April 26. The panel will now seek community input and come back to selectmen, who would formally adopt the revised plan. The committee would also give selectmen a timeline.

BRIEFS

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rice or cereal, next to your mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on May 14. Food items should be in non-breakable containers, such as boxes and cans, no glass containers, please. Local letter carriers will be collecting donations from homes across the area and delivering them to local food banks and food pantries.

Food banks are experiencing a skyrocketing demand tied to the current economic crisis and donations are not keeping up with the increased need. The call for food is even greater during the summer months because many children are not in school and do not get school breakfasts or lunches.

Studies have shown that hunger and under-nutrition in America are much more serious problems than most people realize. An estimated 49 million people are at risk of hunger in our country, including more than 12 million children. With the current economic recession, more families than ever before are struggling to keep food on the table. Food banks report a 40 to 60 percent increase in requests for food.

BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

Anna White, for her declamation of "The Bells" by Edgar Allen Poe, the winning entry in this year's Laurence Reynolds Memorial Declamation Contest at Knox Trail Junior High School.

The Spencer New Leader thanks the Spencer Flower Shoppe, Main Street, Spencer, for supplying the flowers.

ACCURACY WATCH

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

AMHERST — Aaron Karp, son of Karen and Bruce Karp of Oakham Road, in North Brookfield, will be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on May 13.

Phi Beta Kappa honors recent graduates and current juniors and seniors who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement in the humanities and fine arts, natural sciences and mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences. Founded in 1776, it is the most prestigious national honor society recognizing excellence at the undergraduate level. The chapter at the university was founded in 1963.

Karp is a member of the Class of 2012 and is majoring in Neuroscience and Spanish. He is also a member of the Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key International and Psi Chi honor societies. He graduated from North Brookfield High School in 2008.

West Brookfield Youth Soccer to conduct registration

West Brookfield Youth Soccer registration for the 2011 season will be held on Saturday, May 14 and May 21 from 1-3 p.m., and on Tuesday, May 17 from 6-8 p.m. Children ages 4-16 who live within the West Brookfield area are eligible to enroll to play soccer. Registration will be required even if the child played previously.

Registration will be held at the West Brookfield Elementary School. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present with the registration form and payment. Registration forms will be distributed to all students at the elementary and junior school students the week of May 9, and forms will also be available at sign ups.

West Brookfield Soccer league is a proud member of US Youth Soccer, the largest youth sports organization in the United States. For more information on US Youth Soccer visit USYouthSoccer.org.

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Mock crash gives Quaboag students sobering lesson

WARREN — Two weeks before they head to the Spencer Country Inn for their prom, sophomores, juniors and seniors at Quaboag Regional High School saw what can happen when they send text messages or drink while they are driving.

The Warren and West Brookfield police, fire and ambulance departments joined forces with the school and Varnum Funeral Home in West Brookfield to stage a mock accident Friday, April 29. Half a dozen students played the drivers and victims. Crews responded to the scene as they would during an actual emergency.

The "cause" of the crash, according to West Brookfield Police Chief C. Thomas O'Donnell Jr., was texting while driving. He said that is a bigger problem these days than drunken driving — although as part of the storyline for the crash beer cans and bottles were found.

"You need to pay attention," O'Donnell told students later. "You need to be responsible. You are responsible for your actions."

After the crash, students gathered in the auditorium for a presentation by James Butcher, whose daughter Courtney and three other teens died in a 2007 accident in Leicester.

David Dore photos

Clockwise from above left, Dani Rossignol attempts — and fails — a sobriety test during the mock accident, then is led away in handcuffs by a Warren police officer. She played the driver who was drunk and text messaging and caused the accident. A police officer looks over the scene of the mock accident April 29 at Quaboag Regional High School. Haylie Dolan, center, confronts Dani Rossignol after the crash, telling her "You killed him." Firefighters use the Jaws of Life to take the roof off one of the cars in the mock accident.

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West Brookfield Town Meeting to decide 28 requests

BY M. CATHERINE BYSZEK
NEW LEADER CORRESPONDENT

WEST BROOKFIELD — Twenty-eight articles are on the warrant for next week's Annual Town Meeting, ranging from large budgetary items to new fines for loose dogs.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary School.

Article 11 listed on the warrant, supported by the Board of Selectmen, would put $10,000 in the "Repairs To Private Ways Account" to pay for repairs to private ways within West Brookfield. This sum transfer is pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 6N of state law, and the repairs are to include road materials and related labor expenses only. All repairs made to private ways will be completed in strict adherence to all applicable state laws and West Brookfield bylaws.

The Town's General Bylaws are brought up under various articles listed on the warrant, including Article 15, Article 18 and Article 26.

Article 15, sponsored by Animal Control Officer Leah Shattuck, would add the following language to Chapter XII, Section 1 of the town's general bylaws: "In addition to the non-criminal penalty for dogs running at large the Town may charge the following fees for loose dogs: $25.00 pick up fee; and $25.00 boarding fee, per day. The boarding fee and pick up fee will not be the only fees involved for dogs running loose. Violation of this bylaw will hold residents subject to the following fines: First Offense – Warning, Second Offense – $50.00 loose dog fine, Third and Subsequent Offenses: $75.00 loose dog fine." It is written that if this vote is passed, the town may also assess a $25 fee for any dog that is not current on its rabies vaccines.

Article 19 would establish a Fire Department Cost Recovery Program. The program has eight sections, ranging from definitions of incidents to the recovery of costs. Section 1 explains that the article would be a means of helping establish an amendment to its General Bylaws, and that it is a necessity because of the increased costs of responding to emergencies caused by negligent, reckless or malicious actions of owners of motor vehicles, off-road vehicles, watercraft both powered and unpowered, snowmobiles, and other powered means of transportation.

A new zoning bylaw is introduced in Article 26, known as the Back Lot Zoning Bylaw. The purpose of the proposed bylaw is to allow for the limited development of lots with deep back land by special permit for a single dwelling unit with less than the required frontage, in exchange for increased square footage for the purposes of preservation of open space, minimizing density in given areas, and maintaining the rural character of the town. No more than one back lot form a single parcel would be allowed under this article and the creation of more than one lot will be covered by the Subdivision Control Law.

Also on next week's Town Meeting warrant involve municipalities and budgets:

• Article 27, which seeks to approve the debt authorized by the Quaboag Regional School Committee on March 21for capital projects to update facilities at West Brookfield Elementary School. These potential updates include engineering, design, and other incidental costs related to it. The town's share of the school district's borrowing is estimated to be $700,486.

• Article 28, which seeks to approve the debt authorized by the Quaboag Regional School Committee on March 21 for capital projects to update facilities at Quaboag Regional Middle/High School, including engineering, design, and other costs. The town's share of the district's borrowing is estimated to be $325,750.

The May 3 Annual Town Election ballots in Warren and West Brookfield asked that the school updates be funded through debt exclusions. The results were announced after the Spencer New Leader's press deadline.

Requests for revolving funds for various town purposes, including police detail, storm water authority and cemetery-related expenses, are listed on the warrant as well.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	December 31, 2010
Cash & Due From Banks	$ 13,108,330
Federal Funds	2,952,170
Certificates of Deposit	16,262,975
U.S. Government Obligations	46,318,158
Other Bonds & Obligations	21,241,946
*Mutual Funds	1,099,015
*Common & Preferred Stocks	5,428,948
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	193,446,530
Other Loans	70,769,016
Reserve for Loan Losses	(2,642,247)
Other Real Estate Owned/ Insubstance Foreclosure	1,584,500
Banking Premises, Furniture & Fixtures, Equipment	3,893,924
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,500,258
Other Assets	17,598,252
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 392,561,774
*Market Value as of 12/31	6,527,963
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	$ 314,472,791
Borrowings	25,000,000
Mortgage Escrow	526,689
Other Liabilities	4,826,208
Surplus	47,736,086
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	$ 392,561,774

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

Interest & Dividend Income	
Interest on Loans	$ 15,962,781
Interest on Securities	1,906,242
TOTAL INTEREST & DIVIDEND INCOME	$ 17,869,023
Total Interest Expense	$ 5,005,617
NET INTEREST & DIVIDEND INCOME	$ 12,863,406
Other Income	$ 2,316,214
Other Expenses	11,550,682
NET OPERATING INCOME	$ 3,628,938
Provision for Loan Losses	$ 2,941,600
Gain/(Loss) on FNMA Sales	465,471
Securities Gains/(Losses)	12,456
OREO/Foreclosure Writedown Expense	24,000
Gain/(Loss) on OREO	(38,211)
Federal & State Income Tax	201,983
NET ADDITION TO SURPLUS	$ 901,070

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spencer Savings Bank had a bridge year in 2010–from a difficult 2009 to a respectable 2010 and looking forward to a better 2011. In 2010, many of our customers continued to struggle in these economic conditions. Unemployment has remained high; property values have not improved thus reducing the owners' equity.

Spencer Savings Bank has dramatically reduced its loan delinquency; this came at a significant expense. The Bank added $2.9 million to its Loan Loss Reserves in 2010 and charged off a net number of $4.3 million. Management has addressed identified problem loans and there are small signs of customers' financial situations improving. Management is pleased we could address these issues by funding the reserves with current earnings. Our reserve presently exceeds $2.6 million, over 1% of loan balances.

Spencer Savings Bank earned $901,000 in 2010, up from a loss in 2009. Total assets remained flat, ending the year at $393 million. The Bank's mortgage portfolio was reduced $12 million in 2010 as management sold off loans to the secondary market at historical low rates. The liquidity generated by the loan sales enabled the Bank to payoff $20 million in Advances. Investments increased $18.5 million during 2010, deposits increased $13 million, and surplus increased $925,000 to a total of $47.7 million, or a 12.16% ratio of surplus-to-assets. This high surplus-to-assets ratio means the Bank is a very safe and strong institution.

From a community bank's perspective, there is no credit crunch; we have plenty of money to lend to qualified borrowers for all types of loans, from first-time homebuyers to large commercial loans. At Spencer Savings Bank, we look forward to seeing you in 2011. Whether you're a long-time customer or a new customer to the Bank, you will receive exceptional customer service.

We offer competitive products, rates, and services. On the loan side of the Bank, our residential and commercial lenders are very experienced with prompt local decisions. On the retail side of the Bank, we offer service at five locations, seven ATMs, and remote deposit capture. Soon we will have a new online banking product and the rollout of a newly updated customer-friendly website. We are also exploring mobile banking applications.

In conclusion, we will continue to place the community's needs, financial well-being, and civic aspirations foremost as we meet the competitive challenges facing us through these economic times. Spencer Savings Bank will be here for your financial needs, just as it has been since 1871. We take pride in our reputable customer service and we continue to try our hardest!

K. Michael Robbins
President & C.E.O.

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Prouty welcomes 19 to National Honor Society

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — In early February, David Prouty High School teacher Nicole Jyringi paid a special visit to several classes.

In her hands were letters addressed to 19 juniors and seniors telling them they would be inducted into the National Honor Society.

Before she and her peers walked into the school auditorium Tuesday, April 26 for the 48th induction ceremony, senior Alysia Vandal said it "shows that you worked hard to get where you are."

Teachers at the school consider four qualifications for the National Honor Society: scholarship (how well they do in their classes), character (such as being responsible, hard working and showing concern for others), leadership (such as with a sports team or club) and service.

"If they meet all of those four qualifications, then we invite them to become members of the National Honor Society," said club advisor Nicole Jyringi.

In addition to good grades, Vandal has been a cheerleader and part of the yearbook staff. Fellow senior Ryan Ostrout was on the yearbook, too, along with the International Club. Aimee Provencher, the third senior inducted last week, and one of her friends brought a chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) to David Prouty this year.

For Vandal and Provencher, joining the honor society continues a tradition of excellence in their families. Vandal said her older brother was inducted two years ago.

"I was excited because my older sister was on the National Honor Society, so it was cool to follow in her footsteps," Provencher said.

Ostrout started a tradition of his own, since he is the oldest sibling in his family. He said it was "great" to be nominated.

Joining them on stage were juniors Taylor Benninger, Christine Mullen, Jake Grenier, Steven Gatto, David LaCroix, Mikayla Befford, Hayley Chesson, Jillian Boquist, Emily Duong, Connor Fahey, Patrick Ricard, Casey Grant, Brittney Dupuis, Jacqueline Saunders, Daniel Livermore and Matthew Pillsbury.

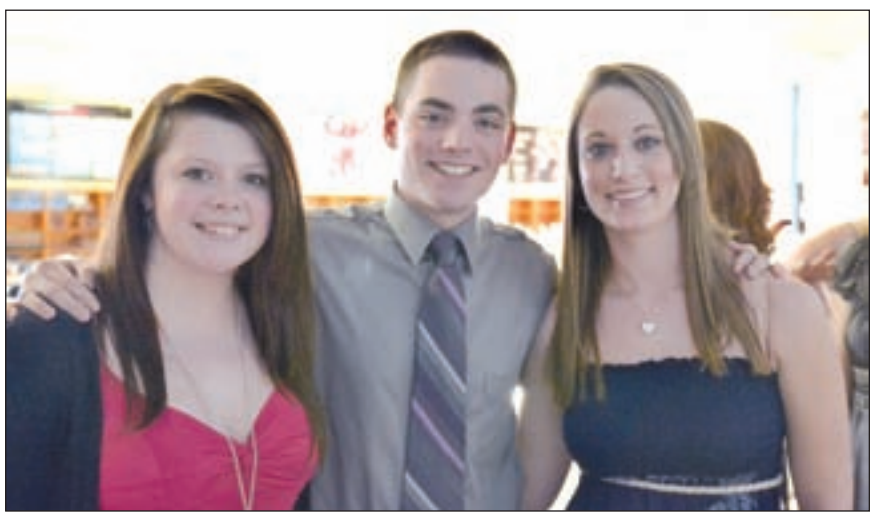
In addition to four colored candles symbolizing the four cornerstones of the National Honor Society, there was a fifth candle lit in honor of senior Paige Lavallee, who passed away suddenly this past New Year's Eve.

The featured speaker was Lynne Esposito, herself a member of Prouty's National Honor Society chapter. She is vice president of mortgage origination at Spencer Savings Bank and secretary of the Spencer Exchange Club.

"We always invite a David Prouty alum who has achieved some success in the community to be the guest speaker," Jyringi said, "sort of a role model for these kids."

In her speech, Esposito credited bank employees and education for her success. She told the inductees to "get out of your comfort zone," listen to mentors in their lives (such as parents and teachers), give to the community and "continue to find the balance in your life" between work and fun.

"Remember that you need to find time for everyone and everything," Esposito said.



David Dore photos

The three seniors inducted Tuesday, April 26 into the National Honor Society — from left, Aimee Provencher, Ryan Ostrout and Alysia Vandal — were all smiles before the ceremony.

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Architects to study West Brookfield police, fire needs

Display case for public meetings, events installed at Town Hall

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD — A Chicopee company will soon determine how much space the police and fire departments require, and the number of buildings needed to house them.

The Board of Selectmen last month chose Caolo & Bieniek

Associates, Inc. to "provide preliminary design services for meeting the future needs of the fire and police services for the Town of West Brookfield," as stated in a Request for Proposals issued by the board.

Both departments are looking at getting more room than they have at Town Hall. Executive Secretary Johanna Barry said representatives from Caolo & Bieniek would meet with Police Chief C. Thomas O'Donnell Jr. and Fire Chief Paul Lupacchino after the May 10 Annual Town Meeting to go over their needs.

The report Caolo & Bieniek produces, according to the Request for Proposals, would include preliminary drawings (including site plans and floor plans) and estimates for the cost of construction, furnishings and equipment.

Barry said it would also determine whether the departments should be housed in their own buildings or share a public safety complex with the West Brookfield Rescue Squad. Three parcels are on the "front line" as possible locations, she said: a house the town owns on Cottage Street next to the fire station, the St. Hilaire property at the corner of East Main Street (Route 9) and Foster Hill Road, and several acres on Wigwam Road the town owns because the previous owner did not pay property taxes.

"Based on what the findings are, they may look at other ones," Barry said.

Talk of building a new police station dates back to the mid-1990s, when the idea of a public safety complex was first proposed. More recently, there were plans to buy the former Brookfield Machine (now Gavitt Wire) on Central Street and the St. Hilaire property.

A couple of years ago Warren and West Brookfield officials considered a shared police station, since Warren police are looking for a new home as well. They are constrained from expanding in their current home at the former Town Hall because the structure is on the National Register of Historic Places. However, a lack of available grants for regional projects sidelined the idea.

TOWN HALL ADDITION

David Dore photo

This display case on the western side of West Brookfield Town Hall allows public meetings and events around the community to be visible at all times.

People walking or driving past Town Hall along Cottage Street might have noticed something new — something that keeps the town on the right side of the state's Open Meeting Law.

The new feature is a display case for public meetings notices and events around the community installed the weekend of April 16-17. Meeting notices used to be housed in a case in the front foyer of Town Hall.

Work on the new case is mostly complete, Barry said last week. Solar panels will be installed to control lights that will illuminate it at night, paver bricks will be put in front of the case and some painting, staining and landscaping will be done.

West Brookfield's case is designed to be compliant with the newest version of the Open Meeting Law, which went into effect last July. It states that all meeting notices must be posted "in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the [town or city] clerk's office is located."

BEAR SIGHTINGS

The last couple of months have brought several reports of bears being seen throughout West Brookfield.

In mid-March, West Brookfield police issued a press release stating they and the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife responded to sightings of a 2-year-old male bear in the Shea Road, Ragged Hill Road and Pierce Road areas.

Jason Chevrette, who lives near Pierce Road, recently told the Spencer New Leader his dog got into a fight with a 450-pound bear the night of March 22. The dog had a couple of scratches on the eyes and legs, along with a bloody nose. A neighbor called the game warden, he said, who found the bear sleeping on a tree limb. The bruin later ran away.

Another neighbor noticed the bear at a bird feeder last year.

"I'm pretty sure it's the same one," Chevrette said.

On another occasion, Chevrette said he let his dog out and heard something climb up a tree and "branches breaking." He grabbed a flashlight, heard a bear breathing and went into his vehicle. The dog chased the bear away.

More recently, Police Chief C. Thomas O'Donnell Jr. said, bears have been spotted on Bemis Road, Cronin Road and Old Warren Road.

According to the MassWildlife website, bears are typically active during the day in the spring and fall, but more so in the summer during dawn and dusk.

The March press release "strongly" urged residents to bring in bird feeders, suet feeders and other possible sources of food.

"It is imperative that food sources are removed, so that the bear will begin to look for natural food sources away from populated areas," the release stated. "Purposely leaving food out will only reinforce bad behavior by the bear, and ultimately could lead to a situation which is harmful to the bear."

MassWildlife also recommends bringing in pet food dishes at night and not leaving trash out overnight. Its website states trash can be secured by, for example, freezing small amounts of garbage and putting it out just before collection, double bagging items or sprinkling trash with ammonia.

"We understand the strong desire to view these magnificent animals; however, that must be [tempered] with the knowledge that prolonged contact usually ends in injury or death for the bear," the police press release stated.

Bear sightings should be reported to the New Braintree State Police dispatch center at (508) 867-1170. For more information on dealing with bears, visit www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw.

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School Menus

SPENCER/EAST BROOKFIELD JR./SR. HIGH

BREAKFAST

Monday, May 9: Pillsbury Mini Cinnis or bagel with cream cheese, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Assorted cereal with yogurt or sunflower seeds or twin Pop Tarts, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Assorted cereal with giant Goldfish or assorted muffins, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Pillsbury Mini pancakes or bagel with cream cheese, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Friday, May 13: Assorted cereal with yogurt or sunflower seeds or Pillsbury Apple Frudel, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, May 9: Chicken patty or vegetable quesadilla with salsa and sour cream, carrots, vegetable rice medley, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Nachos with cheese or baked potato with broccoli and cheese, chili, salsa, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Spaghetti with meat sauce or marinara, fresh baked roll, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Turkey and gravy, mashed potato, sweet potato, peas, cranberry sauce, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, May 13: Assorted pizza, cranberry walnut salad, fruit, milk.

WIRE VILLAGE AND EAST BROOKFIELD

Monday, May 9: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, buttered white rice, carrots, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Mashed potato bowl (like KFC, mashed potato, corn, chicken, gravy) or vegetable quesadilla and corn with salsa and sour cream, sweet potato cake with cream, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: American chop suey, garlic bread, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Assorted individual pizza, vegetable beef noodle soup, carrots, fruit, milk.

Friday, May 13: Cold cut grinder (bologna, ham and cheese) or deli turkey grinder, macaroni salad, brownie, fruit, milk.

LAKE AND MAPLE

BREAKFAST

Monday, May 9: Pillsbury Mini Cinnis or bagel with cream cheese, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Assorted cereal with yogurt or sunflower seeds or twin Pop Tarts, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Assorted cereal with giant Goldfish or assorted muffins, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Pillsbury mini pancakes or bagel with cream cheese, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

Friday, May 13: Assorted cereal with yogurt or sunflower seeds or Pillsbury Apple Frudel, fruit or 100 percent juice, milk.

LUNCH

Monday, May 9: Ham and cheese on a whole grain croissant or tuna roll, smile fries, pickles, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Tacos with toppings or fish nuggets, buttered white rice, corn, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Dino pasta, glazed cinnamon roll, broccoli and carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Turkey and gravy, mashed potato, peas, carrots, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, May 13: Plain and pepperoni individual pizza, green beans, fruit, milk.

LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Crispy fish nuggets, baked potato, seasoned green beans, multigrain bread, spiced apples and cream.

Tuesday, May 10: Macaroni and cheese, choice of meatballs, garlic bread, peas and carrots, pumpkin cookie.

Wednesday, May 11: Chalupas, Spanish rice, corn, fresh fruit.

Thursday, May 12: Baked chicken, mashed potato or sweet potato, steamed broccoli, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pudding and cream.

Friday, May 13: Papa Gino's pizza, spinach salad, peaches.

LEICESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Crispy fish nuggets, baked potato, seasoned green beans, multigrain bread, spiced apples and cream.

Tuesday, May 10: Macaroni and cheese, choice of meatballs, garlic brad, peas and carrots, pumpkin cookie.

Wednesday, May 11: Tacos, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, fresh fruit.

Thursday, May 12: Baked chicken, mashed potato or sweet potato, steamed broccoli, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pudding and cream.

Friday, May 13: Stuffed crust pizza, spinach salad, peaches.

LEICESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, May 9: Grilled BBQ chicken on a wheat bun, French fries, corn on the cob, peaches or tuna roll.

Tuesday, May 10: Deep Sea nuggets, potato smiles, carrot and celery sticks, dip, chocolate chip cookie or grilled cheese.

Wednesday, May 11: Tacos, lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, Jell-O and cream or hamburger.

Thursday, May 12: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, peas and pea pods, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pudding and cream or chicken Patty.

Friday, May 13: Pizza stuffers, marinara sauce on the side, tossed salad, diced pears or bagel and cheese.

LEICESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Mini cheeseburger or hamburgers, french fries, corn on the cob, peaches.

Tuesday, May 10: Deep sea nuggets, potato smiles, carrot and celery sticks, dip, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, May 11: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, baked chips, fresh fruit.

Thursday, May 12: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, peas and pea pods, cranberry sauce, wheat roll, pudding and cream.

Friday, May 13: Pizza dippers, marinara sauce on the side, tossed salad, diced pears.

Alternate: Grilled cheese.

TANTASQUA REGIONAL

Monday, May 9: Ham and cheese or tuna croissant, tomato soup, carrots, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken parmesan on a fresh roll, potato pugs, green beans, blueberry crisp with cream, juice, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Cook's Choice, broccoli, fruit, juice, milk.

Thursday, May 12: General Tso chicken, oriental rice, oriental vegetables, cinnamon bread, fortune cookie, pineapple, milk.

Friday, May 13: Pizza burgers, potato wedges, corn, fruit, milk.

Alternate: Mon: Chicken nuggets, brown rice, whole wheat roll. Tues: Assorted Pizza. Wed: Chicken Patty on a roll, pasta salad. Thurs. Tacos with rice or burgers and fries. Fri: Caesar Salad with Chicken or nuggets, rice and whole wheat roll. Thurs. and Fri. menu alternate weeks.

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Chicken in gravy, whipped potato, buttered peas, strawberry cup or alternate entrée.

Tuesday, May 10: Cheese pizza, tomato mozzarella salad, blueberry crumb cake or alternate entrée or chef's salad.

Wednesday, May 11: Spaghetti and meatballs, shredded cheese, peas and carrots, cup of pears or alternate entrée.

Thursday, May 12: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mixed vegetables, baked fries, peaches or alternate entrée or chef's salad.

Friday, May 13: Sheppard's pie, garden tossed salad, whole wheat garlic toast, assorted fruit, or alternate entrée.

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Nacho with cheese, meat topping, salsa, green beans, assorted fruit, milk or triple decker PBJ or grab & go salads.

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken fajitas, rice pilaf, carrots in honey glaze, assorted fruit, milk or triple decker PBM or grab & go salad.

Wednesday, May 11: Top hat (hamburg, corn, potato), Italian bread, assorted fruit, milk or grab & go salad or triple decker PBJ.

Thursday, May 12: Chicken nuggets served with dipping sauces, broccoli, pasta with herbs, assorted fruit, milk or grab & go salads or triple decker PBJ.

Friday, May 13: School made pizza, French fries, assorted fruit, milk or triple decker PBJ or grab & go salads.

NORTH BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 9: Munchie cereal lunch or nacho and cheese, meat topping, steamed broccoli, salsa, assorted fruit, milk.

Tuesday, May 10: Munchie muffin lunch or hot dog on a roll, bag or pretzels, school baked beans, sweet corn, assorted fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 11: Munchie Goldfish lunch or turkey wrap, potato chips, macaroni salad, assorted fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 12: Munchie Goldfish lunch or toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots, crackers, assorted fruit, milk, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, May 13: Munchie P.B.& fluff or French bread pizza, green beans, French fries, assorted fruit, milk.

QUABOAG REGIONAL MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

BREAKFAST

Monday, May 9: Choice of whole grain breakfast bar or scrambled eggs with light sausage link and wheat toast with butter, fresh fruit and 100 percent orange juice.

Tuesday, May 10: Whole grain cinnamon french toast sticks with blueberry pancake syrup, fresh fruit cup, or 100 percent fruit punch.

Wednesday, May 11: Choice of (1) breakfast cereal and (1) slice whole wheat toast with 2 oz peanut butter or breakfast egg and sausage on croissant, fresh fruit or 100 percent orange juice.

Thursday, May 12: Choice of whole grain breakfast bar (1) and wheat toast (1) with peanut butter cup 2 oz and jam, assorted 100 percent apple juice and fruit cup.

Friday, May 13: Warm assorted breakfast muffins (1) and (1) whole grain toast with butter, honey roasted sunflower seeds (1), fruit cup and 100 percent fruit juice.

LUNCH

Monday, May 9: Vegetable beanie minestrone soup, buffalo chicken wrap with lettuce and blue cheese dressing or cheese ravioli with marinara sauce on the side, garlic whole wheat bread stick, seasoned corn, stir fried brown rice with mixed vegetables, assorted fruit desserts or apples. Vegetarian – vegetarian bean burrito.

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken noodle soup, popcorn chicken with orange sauce, vegetable fried rice, seasoned broccoli and carrots or garlic French bread with mozzarella cheese with marinara sauce, banana fresh fruit, homemade festival cookie.

Wednesday, May 11: Soup du jour, chicken parmesan with cheese, garlic seasoned whole grain spaghetti, steamed carrots or open faced sliced turkey with oven fries and chicken gravy, fresh whole grain roll, butter, tangerine or blueberry cup. Vegetarian – vegetable entrée of the day.

Thursday, May 12: Chili bean soup with whole grain crackers, BBQ pulled pork sandwich with roll or chicken tender whole grain wraps with ranch dressing, lettuce, seasoned green peas, tator tot potatoes, apple cobbler, fruit basket. Vegetarian – large bowl of chili bean soup with whole grain roll.

Friday, May 13: Black bean and corn soup, cheese quesadilla's with nachos and salsa, southwest whole grain rice, cucumber slices and hummus or manager's choice, pasta salad, chilled fruit cup or strawberries. Vegetarian – quesadilla's with refried beans.

WARREN, WEST BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 9: Chef's choice today, assorted entrees, seasoned vegetables, garden salad with dressings, assorted fruit choices and kiwi and grapes and strawberries fresh fruit cup.

Tuesday, May 10: Mini whole grain bagel pizza with pepperoni sausage and cheese or plain cheese, seasoned steamed carrots,

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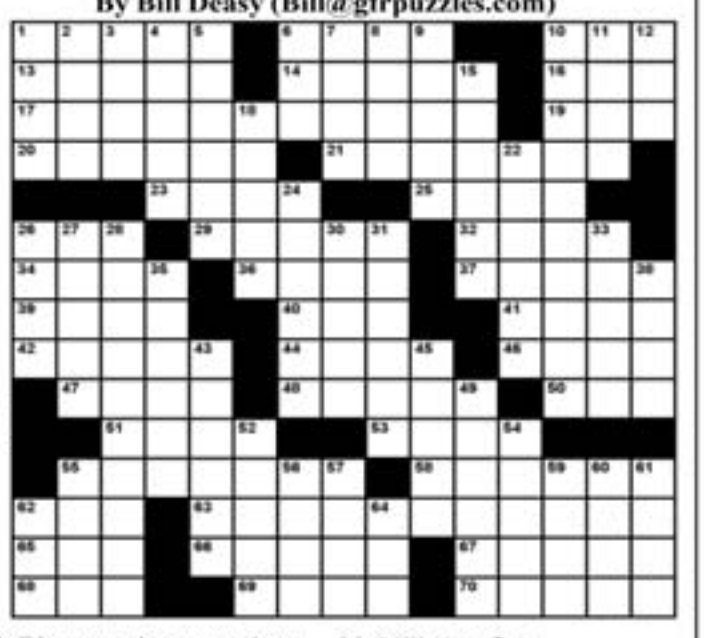
Weekly Crossword

Strike Up The Band

By Bill Deasy (Bill@gfrpuzzles.com)



Across

1. NAACP part: abbr.
6. Case maker?
10. Failed sports venture of 2001
13. New York Governor
14. *Time* piece?
16. "Piggy" on a tot's foot
17. Strike
19. Come-___ (lures)
20. After surgery care
21. Conjecture
23. Agitated mood
25. Attack a la Norman Bates
26. "The Office" receptionist
29. Aleve targets
32. *Typee* sequel
34. Take ___ view of
36. Junior in the N.F.L.
37. "Forget about it!"
39. An arm bone
40. ___ Lanka
41. A chorus line
42. Claims on property
44. Blues artist James
46. "___ I say more?"
47. Elton John, for one
48. Beach home?
50. Basic makeup stuff
51. Big bridge win
53. Brand of soap
55. Assuming even that
58. Garden pests
62. Big hit for CBS
63. Strike
65. "Take ___"
66. Blank gaze
67. "— far, far better..."
68. Auerbach of the Celtics
69. Grand Canyon St.
70. Up to this point

Down

1. Eight ounces
2. Asian wrestler
3. Absorbs, with "up"
4. Fails to mention
5. Big name in typewriters
6. Adele, to Fred
7. New London grp.
8. "Genesis" twin
9. Game box sheet
10. Strike
11. Baptismal basin
12. ___ *Miserables*
15. Ex-baseballer Howard
18. "Ben Hur" and "Spartacus"
22. Pago Pago native
24. Grad school papers
26. Actor Giamatti
27. Deviate from the script
28. Strike
30. *Planet of the Apes* planet
31. Well-matched
33. Cereal quality
35. Asian capital
38. "Star Wars" character
43. Kind of symbol
45. Choice invitees
49. Oahu verandas
52. ___ ray (devilfish)
54. Milk (prefix)
55. "Ah, yes"
56. "Big Fat ___" (2002 film)
57. *Footloose* actress Singer
59. "I'll do ___ you will"
60. *The Simpsons* brainiac
61. *Lion King* villain
62. Certain NBAer
64. ___ Percé (Chief Joseph's tribe)

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CLASSROOM CORNER

Knox Trail Declamation Contest marks 15th birthday

SPENCER — Each year, Knox Trail Junior High School hosts the Laurence Reynolds Memorial Declamation Contest.

The contest is in its 15th year and every student competes. To date, nearly 5,000 students have participated in this annual "rite of passage," where students memorize a non-original piece of literature, usually a poem or an historical speech, interpret that piece of literature, and then present the piece to an audience.

For a month, students were hard at work memorizing their lines. The opening round began March 15 with students in Grades 7-8 presenting their poems during their English classes to a panel of community judges. The judges were tasked with selecting the top two declamations from each class to become semifinalists. These semifinalists then declaimed their passages in front of the student body during a school-day assembly on Monday, April 4. Based on those presentations, the judges selected the top students to move on to the finals.

Knox Trail is proud to share the names of the finalists:

• Grade 7: Elizabeth Pedone, Matthew Wallace, Richard Doldo, Ashleigh Whigham, Anthony Harvey, Miguel Keefe, Jolie Demers, Cassandra Berthiaume, Alec Simonovitch, Ethan Grenier, Raven Reimer, Michael Cole, Jonathan Rosum, James Joyce, Christopher Thurlow.

• Grade 8: Ryan Bowen, Loana Ponton, Anna White, Amanda Stockman, Taylor Beamenderfer, Ryley Burdett, John Mazzone, Philip Young, Anna Bogdan, Katherine Dalton, Nicholas Miner, Chris Crockett-Sears, Nicole Cummings, Daniel Orpilla, Melissa Johnson.

The finals were held in the gymnasium on the evening of Wednesday, April 6. Family, friends and community members were on hand to witness this annual event. The finalists were dressed in their best attire. The declamation contest is a celebration of both learning and talent, and could not occur without the effort and commitment of the entire school community.

"We are continually grateful to the Reynolds family for sponsoring this memorial event, which recognizes the contributions that longtime teacher Laurence Reynolds made to our school and to our community," said Knox Trail Principal Mark Wilson. "A special thanks goes out to the finalist judges: School Committee Vice Chair John Howard, Team Chair Deborah Lavallee, Headmaster at Holy Name Ed Reynolds, and community members Al Walker, Priscilla Walker, Bridget McGovern, and Marie McDevitt."

The esteemed panel of community judges had the unenviable task of picking the top three presentations from this group of finalists. They were hard-pressed to select the winners — all the finalists were well prepared.

Congratulations to the following students, who were selected as the champions:

• First place: Anna White, for her declamation of "The Bells" by Edgar Allen Poe.

• Second place: Kate Dalton, for her declamation of "Just Me" by Tom Krause.

• Third place: Christopher Crockett-Sears, for his declamation of "On Turning Ten" by Billy Collins.

"Thanks to Hannah Thompson, Rachael Mott and Katie Armenti for their work as English teachers to prepare their students for the contest, and in the community to coordinate this event," Wilson said. "Finally, a special thanks to all who came out to share in the evening's fun!"

Courtesy photo

From left, Laurence Reynolds Memorial Declamation Contest winners Chris Crockett-Sears, Kate Dalton and Anna White with their trophies.

Education Briefs

New superintendent to hold Listening Tour

SPENCER — Incoming Spencer-East Brookfield School Superintendent Reza Namin will be hosting a Listening Tour throughout the district, which will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

The dates, times and locations are as follows:

• Monday, May 9: David Prouty High School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 11: Knox Trail Junior High School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

• Thursday, May 12: Lake Street School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

• Monday, May 16: Maple Street School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, May 18: East Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

• Thursday, May 19: Wire Village School cafeteria, 6 p.m.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

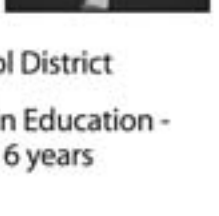
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

SPRINGFIELD — Albert Hasenfus of North Brookfield, received the 2011 Springfield College Who's Who Among Students Award, at the college's 85th Stepping Up Day ceremonies, at the Richard B. Flynn Campus Union Patio, on April 14, on the college campus.

Hasenfus, a graduate student whose major field of study is human services, received the presentation from David Braverman, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

Students named to Who's Who Among Students demonstrate academic excellence, community involvement and participation in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, and profoundly model the Springfield College humanics philosophy. Humanics focuses on education of the whole person – spirit, mind and body – for leadership in service to humanity.

Mary Gershman
for
Spencer-East Brookfield
School Committee



- Proud mother of three children in the Spencer-East Brookfield School District
- President of P.I.E. (People Interested in Education - East Brookfield Elementary School) - 6 years
- East Brookfield Elementary School Improvement Council - 6 years
- Spencer Soccer Club Secretary - 3 years
- East Brookfield Public Library - Part-time Children's Librarian
- A.S., Early Childhood Education - Springfield Technical Community College

"My goal for School Committee is to be a positive voice for our students, parents, teachers and community. Working together, we can make all of our schools the best they can be."

VOTE
Tues., May 10th!

Mary Gershman ✓Vote
School Committee

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MENUS

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sliced banana fruit cup or yoplait yogurt parfait with sliced grapes and strawberries with whole grain granolo.

Wednesday, May 11: Chicken patty sandwich with whole grain roll, lettuce leaf and tomato slice, seasoned oven roasted potato wedges, ketchup and mayo packet, watermelon cubes, or 100 percent fruit juice punch.

Thursday, May 12: Sliced deli turkey sandwich on wheat tortilla with lettuce and mayo zucchini sauté, french apple fruit cup or romaine garden salads with chicken and assorted dressings, cheese, whole wheat roll.

Friday, May 13: Whole grain spaghetti with meat sauce and shredded cheese, tossed salad with italian dressing, green peas, fresh tangerine or blueberry cup with toppings.

BAY PATH

BREAKFAST

Monday, May 9: Buttermilk pancakes, syrup, 4 oz cup of yogurt, 100 percent 6 oz cup of juice.

Tuesday, May 10: Eggs and sausage, whole wheat toast, jelly, 100 percent 6 oz cup of juice.

Wednesday, May 11: French toast, syrup, 4 oz cup of yogurt, 100 percent 6 oz cup of juice.

Thursday, May 12: Ham, egg, cheese muffin, 4 oz cup of yogurt, 100 percent 6 oz cup of juice.

Friday, May 13: Toasted bagel, cream cheese, bowl of cereal, 4 oz cup of yogurt, 100 percent 6 oz cup of juice.

LUNCH

Monday, May 9: Chicken fajitas over rice with black beans, salsa sauce, sour cream, corn, couscous, whole wheat roll and butter, fruit cup or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, baked chips fruit.

Tuesday, May 10: American chop suey, grated cheese, sweet peas, whole wheat roll and butter, applesauce, fruit or vegetable burger on whole wheat bun, baked chips, fruit.

Wednesday, May 11: BBQ chicken, baked potato, sour cream, whole what dinner roll and butter, mixed vegetables, fruit or grilled cheese sandwich, baked chips.

Thursday, May 12: Meatball grinder, cheese and spaghetti sauce, baked French fries, creamy cole slaw, fruit or vegetable burger on a whole wheat bun.

Friday, May 13: Early Release Day – No Lunch.

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Monday, May 9: Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, oatmeal bread, fruited ambrosia, sugar free Jell-O, fruit.

Tuesday, May 10: Vegetable soup, Spanish meatballs, egg noodles, Scandinavian vegetables, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, May 11: Vegetarian chili, brown rice, broccoli, honey wheat bread, bread pudding.

Thursday, May 12: Buttermilk chicken, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, rye bread, pineapple crisp.

Friday, May 13: Pork with apples, vegetable pilaf, Roman blend vegetables, pumpernickel bread, chocolate chip cookie.

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Geraldo Alicea worked with DEP to ensure funding for Charlton Clean Water Revolving Fund. The town was awarded over $4.2 million to improve its water system.

Geraldo Alicea worked diligently with the Town of East Brookfield and the Lake Lashaway Association to find a resolution to the East Brookfield Bridge and Dam Project that preserved this beautiful resource. Massachusetts invested $365,000 in jobs and work to the project.

Geraldo Alicea saved the Town of East Brookfield $500,000 on the Lake Lashaway Dam Project on Rt. 9.

Geraldo Alicea voted for the Life Sciences Initiative and Green Jobs Act, both of which are stimulating job growth in Central Massachusetts.

Geraldo Alicea authored the new law that prohibits the sale or manufacture of dangerous "novelty lighters" in the Commonwealth. Working closely with local firefighters, this law will prohibit the lighters that have been the cause of many dangerous and often deadly fires throughout our state.

Geraldo Alicea advocated for funds for the Dudley/Charlton and Spencer/East Brookfield School Districts for our school transportation needs.

Geraldo Alicea played a pivotal role in the Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail project.

The choice is yours – VOTE Tuesday May 10th

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VIEWPOINT

Opinion and commentary from Spencer, Leicester and the Brookfields

Community

Spring fever

The cacophony of sneezes and nose blowing can be heard blasting from my office at 25 Elm in Southbridge, so if you are in the area, keep an ear out for me.

The Minor Details

ADAM MINOR

I'll be clear — I love the spring. For one, it means that the winter is behind me, no more heating bills, no more shoveling snow, no more bitter cold. The leaves awaken from their months of slumber, sprouting new life.

And then there's pollen.

Don't even get me started on this powder that comes straight from Satan himself. I know that pollen is necessary for the plants to grow back in springtime — blah blah blah — but man, does it pack a punch. Starting about this time of year, when the sun starts to heat up the earth (I'll usually know when I get in the car and it's actually too hot) that the yellow death dust starts to rain down and collect on my car and, naturally, in my eye sockets and nose.

My first "attack," as I call it, actually happened earlier today as I write this (Friday, April 29, if you are wondering). My finger automatically went to my eye and went to town, and immediately I knew.

It has begun.

Even as I type this, my left eye quivers with an unquenchable itchiness that just won't die. I jab my fingers into my eyeball, scratch, poke and relieve the itch any way I can, knowing that I'm probably making it worse — but it's worth it, at least for now. Then it comes back. The eyes get pinker … redder … more watery.

Now, before I go any further, I know what you are thinking (that's right, aside from my career as a newspaper editor, I'm also a part-time mind reader).

"Well now, Mr. Editor Man — you know, there's this thing called 'allergy medicine,' and you go to a store, and buy it, and take a pill, and it makes everything all better."

My response? Been there, done that. Maybe it's because I'm a man, and every time the allergies come, I take it personal and get that special kind of testosterone-fueled stubbornness famously displayed by Tim Allen on "Home Improvement," complete with man-grunts. I've done the Claritin thing, I've done the Zyrtec thing, and for the most part, they work to a point, but never completely. I would go to the doctor, but quite frankly, that mission is ridiculously expensive, even with insurance (co-pays alone make the task not even worth my time).

So what's a poor guy to do? Complain? Sure, that's what this column is for, and if you have read this far, you can probably relate.

So for all my allergenic readers out there — this one's for you. Raise those used tissues in the air in a show of solidarity and let out a sneeze of support!

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Letters to the Editor

Recognizing hypocrisy

To the Editor:

The religious right does not seem to recognize its own hypocrisy.

The assault on abortion rights by "God's People" continues unabated. I find one aspect of that assault amusing, if "amusing" can be applied to such a serious situation — the propensity of religious advocates to assume that lies and fraud are justified in "advancing God's cause."

Can't these people recognize their hypocrisy?

In every case where people attempted to insert Intelligent Design into a high school science curriculum, they lied and misrepresented their motive. Although they loudly claimed that they merely wanted to give the students an alternative to evolution, their motive was religious.

In the Kitzmiller/Dover School District case in 2005, the presiding judge handed down a thorough 139-page order which conclusively described Intelligent Design as "relabeled" Creationism. Some of God's people were so outraged by this reasonable decision by a Bush appointee that he needed police protection — he and his family were threatened with murder.

Pro-life and anti-abortion advocates also lie and misrepresent their motive when trying to outlaw abortion. They have claimed, successively, that abortion physically harmed the mother, that there were long-term physical and psychological effects on the mother, that there is never a medically justified reason for third trimester abortion, and that most women are not adequately informed to make a competent decision to have an abortion.

Not one of those excuses has stood up under rigorous and open-minded examination. Like Intelligent Design, the real motive driving the antiabortion assault is, purely and simply, religious — they want to save the souls of the unborn. The anti-abortionists are as hypocritical as the Intelligent Design advocates. This deceit is very easily explained — these people know that, if they admit their true motives, they would be immediately thrown out of every legislature and school board meeting they attended.

What mystifies me is the failure of these "people of God" to trust their God and let Him handle the world in His way and in His time. I suspect they do not trust their God to carry out their interpretation of His Will. I must ask: how can an ignorant mortal presume to understand the Will of a Creator wise enough to conceive, design and create this enormously complex universe?

In their mindless crusade to protect a Creator who needs no protection, these people are trampling all over the rights of other people who are entitled to free will, and the lives of women, including the victims of incest, rape or serious health issues, who have good reasons to choose abortion. Silence suggests consent, and unless reasonable people speak out against the outrages of the religious right, we all will be living under the tyranny of the Christian Taliban. Anyone who expects such a tyranny to be benevolent should remember the Inquisition — accept my faith or die a horrible death.

Charles F. Hotz
Spencer

2,000 years of truth

To the Editor:

In his recent book, "Jesus of Nazareth Holy Week," Pope Benedict reiterated the truth that the Jews were not responsible for the death of Jesus.

It was, in fact, the temple elite and others who were looking for a Messiah that would liberate them from Rome by military power and not the Son of God who came as an innocent lamb for slaughter in atonement for the sins of the world. To blame the Jews for the death of Jesus would be quite similar to blaming the Germans for the killing of millions of Jews and thousands of Christians when in fact it was the evil Nazi Regime.

After the proof of his resurrection from the dead by many trusted eye witnesses and the fulfillment of the prophecies in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 in the Old Testament, his Jewish disciples spread the gospel throughout the old world.

I find it quite remarkable that at the false trial of Jesus, Pilate who was a Roman governor and politician asked Jesus "What is Truth?" Has anything changed in 2,000 years?

Joseph Ledoux
Spencer

Do not be deceived, eternity lives

Your Turn

Roland C. Blais
Brookfield

It grieves me there is so much division in this world over a God created earth and evolution.

Since the beginning of creation there has been those who believe in God and those who have doubts and those who just do not want to believe. As a believer I want to share my convictions of a God created world compared to an evolutionary world.

God is an infinite, eternal, self-existent spirit [being.] God created the heavens and the earth as a manifestation of His glory, wisdom and power.

God created the earth for mankind! Everything on and in the earth was created for mankind. Mankind was created for God to worship, honor, and exalt Him now and through eternity.

Evolution is a naturalistic explanation for the origin and development of this universe. Evolution is an assumption and theory — there are no facts. It is not scientific! Evolution is a hypothesis without scientific evidence.

There are some of you who will choose not to believe and you will continue to challenge the scientific and Biblical facts. Why, I do not know! That is your choice; the creator, God, has given us all free will, choices! What a generous God! He creates us, and allows us to choose to live as we please, warning us that our choices will have consequences.

On behalf of God, come on people, look around you! Do you really believe all this just happened, that humans and plant life have evolved and transformed from pre-existing animal life, etc.?

Does it not make more sense to believe that there is a mastermind [God] that is responsible for all this? I believe if you do your research you will find that there are more scientific facts that dispute the theory of evolution. God is sovereign and in control whether or not you want to believe, accept the facts.

Do you believe that the major earthquakes and tsunamis are just a coincidence, a freak of nature?

Why is it so difficult to believe that all this chaos is because this country and other countries have and are turning their back on God? That all this chaos we are witnessing is God's judgment, His wake up call to remind us that He is alive and calling us to return to Him. Look around you! Can you honestly believe that these entire catastrophes just happen?

Do not be deceived, there is a day and time when each of us leaves this world and will stand before God and give account of our life. Today is the day to begin believing, accepting and living, as God requires. Today is the day to stop suppressing God's truth, the facts of His Word that He is the creator of all that lives. That He is the creator of the universe, its planets, stars, galaxies, etc.

Do you really believe that something like evolution can just unfold and produce intelligence and intricate details of human, animal and plant life? How about all the powerful forces, earthquakes, and floods, it just happens. The choice is yours.

I am asking you to ask yourself why is it so difficult to believe in a divine existence, an omniscient, omnipotence, and omnipresent God. Do not try to understand God with human intelligence. None of us can comprehend such an almighty existence. But that should not keep you from believing.

We are all born with a measure of knowing right and wrong. Are you going to tell me that we have inherited that from evolution? What about the Ten Commandments, the law of the lands, the moral laws of our country and countries and nations; that all just evolved? Come on people, all of creation and its laws have been established and instituted by a supreme creator, the eternal God, and inspired through people like us, our Four Fathers. As God is eternal, we to have an eternal destiny whether or not you choose to believe or accept, it still remains a fact.

The best advice I can recommend, is to read the Bible, the Bible should be first in your studies and considered more reliable than the geography, history and science books.

2 good 2B true!

As You Like It

MARK ASHTON

Two things!

First of all, a brief follow-up on our column of about two months ago documenting our stupidity in attempting to order — and then cancel — a kitchen gadget (we called it "Stir Crazy") by phone.

We learned the hard way how (and why) NOT to order TV gadgets by phone and admitted that — though we had done our very best to cancel the order — we weren't sure that the thing might not still appear on our doorstep. Two weeks ago we received a card from the manufacturers informing us that they were "back-ordered" and that we were free to "cancel the order" by checking off a little box on the card and mailing it back to them. We did just that — so rapidly that it was in the mail almost before we even received it. And we made photocopies of it all!

Then, three days later, the Stir Crazy showed up on our doorstep. We took the box — unopened — to the USPS and asked them to "Return to Sender" (it worked for Elvis!). They said that since we had not opened the box, they would ship it back as "Refused!" This pleased us mightily.

Of course, it was just two days later that we received a credit card (CC) bill listing a charge for this very same Stir Crazy, which we had refused on the phone, refused on the checked-box postcard, and refused by mailing it back to its home planet. We called the CC company and they said we could "dispute the charges" and delete them from this month's payment. We did, and soon received a letter — with papers to fill out, asking for details on the disputed charges. We filled out the paperwork, provided numerous phone numbers, and mailed it back in a flash.

We were hoping the whole thing would be officially, finally, and once-and-for-all-ly, finished by now, but then it's only been three months of paying for five minutes of commercial merchandising stupidity (ours), so perhaps there's a modicum of karmic debt yet to be paid. We'll keep you advised — from our debtor's prison cell if it comes to that!

On a different, but equally suspicious merchandising front, we received a wonderful notice in the mail this week. It came in one of those folders you have to rip the edges off of to get open. Emblazoned at the top was: FINAL NOTICE. Inside, it called us by name, listed an official "Validation #" and informed us that we were scheduled to "receive a New Mini Laptop/Netbook Computer Complete with Microsoft ® Software!" (Capitalization and exclamation points theirs!) It further advised that this was "a Very Limited Time Offer, so Call Today! (Underlining, of course, is a sign of officialdom and great minds, so we began to take this offer VERY seriously)!

A map of a nearby "Resort" was included, where a meeting of some importance was scheduled, and to which we only had to appear in order to receive our "COMPLIMENTARY GIFT." (Redundancy is yet another sign of great and official offerings, so we ignored the fact that a gift is not a gift UNLESS it is "complimentary!"

Bunches of stars (***) appeared at key locations in the text, also helping to assure us of the offer's validity. We searched for "the catch," assuming there must be one, but found little to warrant our cynicism, except perhaps for the driving directions: "From Worchester: take route 9 East … ." (Misspellings and miscapitalizations theirs!)

And then we found the "fine print," which limited this offer to "married or co-habitating couples between the ages of 25 and 75 who are gainfully employed or retired with a minimum combined household income of at least $50,000." (Bolding of words theirs!) They also had some silly requirements about participants needing to be US Citizens, speaking and understanding English and having valid forms of identification "along with a major credit card or imprinted checkbook."

They went on to explain that "Cohabitating couples must provide proof of same address," and suggested that a "90-minute Timeshare presentation" (their caps and our hyphenation) might be included and said that attendees would be "welcome to bring children who are at least 7 years of age and able to be left in play area alone."

Good golly (Miss Molly!), we had no interest in such a presentation, nor could we think of a friend or neighbor willing to lend us their kids on such short notice. And since the fine print also insisted that "Married and/or cohabitating couples must attend together," I figured we'd have to pass on this fine offer. For one thing, the other half of our personal married and/or co-habitating couple would kill us if we ever agreed to such a thing. For another, we'd let her kill us!

"FINAL NOTICE." We can only hope that they are personages of their word!

By way of commentary, we aren't convinced that even the best Timeshare is anywhere near as rewarding as simply sharing time together. (Emphasis ours!) So we spent last weekend celebrating our (39th) anniversary, cleaning house, reading, relaxing, enjoying a Saturday afternoon movie with snacks. Our plan is to Keep It Simple, Stupid (KISS) and to apply that time-tested solution as frequently as needed!

Paraprosdokian of the week: "We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public."

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ELECTION PROFILES

Alicea: 'Tough choices' loom for state lawmakers

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: In the spirit of fairness, we are re-running this profile, with minor updates, as it was first published for the Democratic primary in April.

Geraldo Alicea

To incumbent 6th Worcester Democrat Geraldo Alicea, the current fiscal situation is a time for people, especially in government, "to make tough choices."

That, in a nutshell, is how he defends some of the votes, particularly supporting alcohol and sales taxes, for which he has been criticized in recent months. Among the critics are his special election opponents, Republican Peter Durant and independents Robert Cirba and Peter Boria.

"You can't have it both ways. You can't have local aid without some kind of revenue," Alicea observed. "... No one wants to increase taxes, and once our economy starts turning around, we're willing to look at bringing it back down."

He's referring mostly to the sales tax hike, which he argues has returned about $2 million to 6th Worcester towns in various ways that "help keep the lights on." Although state reports claim the economy is improving — Alicea said revenues are "$800 million above benchmark" — there's still a good climb to go — he argues "they're $1.5 billion shy of what we need." The House and Senate have loosely agreed that latter figure is somewhere around $20.5 billion, he said, with fiscal 2012 being "the worst budget we'll be facing."

"Massachusetts was the last to get into the recession and is the third or fourth to get out of it," he said, noting the economy is a "national crisis." It will, however, still take time to get back to the heights of 2007, but he said he's "proud" of his efforts to promote turn-around while keeping "bare bones services that are a necessity" going.

Like almost everyone, Alicea notes the state needs to create more jobs, but to him the tax incentives and other programs need to come with strings.

"If you don't comply with your fair share of the obligations, you have to pay us back," he said, pointing to the recent job-killing departures of Evergreen Solar and Fidelity as examples. "We're going to address that this year."

Among the likely agenda items, he predicted the casino bill will be resurrected in some form, but he said he wants to make sure it protects nearby communities, goes to the highest bidder and requires local approval. He voted yes last time, saying "70 percent of the district supports it," but he also admits "it's clearly not the answer, but it helps."

Also crucial is making things easier for small business, with one aspect of that being tied to further health care reform, he said. Since that issue consumes close to half of the state's budget in some way, he argues it's important to combine good ideas from various sources to bring the cost down. Among them is a bill that would create a single-payer system, but Alicea notes that term itself tends to scare people who don't understand it.

Last term, the Legislature picked "the low-hanging fruit" of health care, pension, probation and other necessary reforms, and Alicea hopes to be able to continue working on them.

Likewise, he argues the state needs to do more to support green energy, including "offer consumers opportunities so they can invest in that." But Alicea notes the state's finances limit what it can fund right now, and he doesn't see Boston creating tax breaks for solar, geothermal or similar household systems in the near future (some rebates do still exist).

Bringing that home, Alicea has been a presence at recent Charlton wind turbine hearings, and said he "understands what their concerns are all about." He argues there's a need to balance energy needs with quality of life issues and that more research should be done on some aspects of alternative power. Personally preferring solar, he said he was one of the supporters of a bill that would have strengthened local control over such projects (it passed the House but died in the Senate last session).

Also, he sees a continued need to address school funding, particularly regional transportation. That's an issue most districts nearer Boston don't have to deal with, so legislators from more widespread districts of central and western Massachusetts have had to put pressure on their more urban peers to pay the state's share of the bill (and, lately, keep it from falling too far).

Even with all of those things in process, Alicea is willing to take time to address what some in the community have raised as concerns about his actions in office. One of those issues is that regarding the Registry of Motor Vehicles — which moved out of Big Bunny Plaza, set up shop at the Charlton Pike rest area, and returned to Southbridge (at the Casaubon Center) within a year. Although some have criticized Alicea for coming into the issue late and not being more forceful over the issue, he argued, "that's not how you get things done." Instead, he claims he held Registrar Rachel Kaprielian "on the burner" behind-the-scenes and focused on bringing her and others the table to come up with a solution. He also challenges claims he "hurt" the seniors that were once at Casaubon by saying they've told him they actually find the Community Center a better location for space, traffic and other reasons.

What he regrets about the situation, he added, "is not getting the word out more about what was taking place" behind the scenes. "There's a lot of misinformation out there," he said.

He also takes some credit for helping Southbridge restructure its middle/high school project debt, which will save $1.7 million over the term of the bond. That almost didn't happen: Initially, Town Manager Chris Clark tried to argue his own case before the state Department of Revenue for "front-loading" the payments (and raising money by selling buildings, which is still in limbo), but the DOR rejected it. Alicea and others then sponsored special legislation, which made it to the governor's desk. Alicea said Gov. Deval Patrick was planning to veto it, but he, Clark and others involved explained what they were trying to do and Patrick accepted it.

"I'm the connection in knowing who to talk to, and who has the experience to make those connections," he claims as his strong suit for this issue and the election overall.

Referring to the November tie, Alicea attributes that outcome largely to "sourness about what was happening nationally." He's not too worried about a recurrence, saying he's still hearing from "a lot of people concerned about the direction the country's going. I can't control that, but I can control the direction the state is going."

"I'm hoping people are starting to feel a little better about the direction Massachusetts is going in, because if they go to another state, the direction is clearly worse," Alicea added. "... We've been finally seeing our fair share [in the district] these last four years."

Durant: 'I thought the time was right for the district'

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

For Peter Durant, the 6th Worcester rematch has definitely given him some name recognition.

Last year, he ran his Republican campaign for the seat on about $10,000. Since Nov. 2 and the subsequent recount/court case, "it has become, in a sense, for better or worse, a statewide race," drawing an influx of contributions from outside the district.

That's also true for his Democratic opponent, incumbent Geraldo Alicea, but less so for the two independents, Peter Boria and Robert Cirba.

Peter Durant

"I thought the time was right for the district," Durant said of why he ran last year. "You can't complain about it and not do something about it."

One of Durant's key issues is one that's on many people's minds — taxes and other effects on businesses. He advocates slashing the state corporate income tax from 8.5 percent to the same level as the personal tax, 5.3 percent. But, to ensure that doesn't decimate the budget, he argues it needs to be coupled with eliminating the "loopholes and tax incentives."

Doing so, he claims, will encourage business to stay here and hire more people. But he notes the state really needs to focus less on recruiting new firms and more on retaining the existing ones, in part by promoting what the district towns have for resources and amenities. Doing so is likely to be a key issue in the future, Durant argues, because of the economy and cost of fuel. To cut commute times and "keep people closer to home," he advocates "a recentralization of communities."

As part of that process, he proposes to create a district master plan commission to look at longer-term development and related issues across the five towns, bringing together town officials and other community leaders. That may require a mindset change, though, since Durant also notes government in general isn't good at planning, in part because there's such a "push to get through budget season," and maybe even because House terms are too short. He likes the idea of extending them to four years, but also notes the original idea was to ensure the officeholders didn't get too far from the public. He said he also likes the idea of having a two-year budget cycle.

Getting such longer-term plans into the State House, however, will require the leadership's involvement, so Durant, as both a Republican and a newcomer if he wins, knows he's not too likely to see much progress on that front soon. But as a moderate, he feels he can "build trust and respect" there.

That said, Durant isn't happy with how the state handled the stimulus funding. Because everyone knew it would run out this year, he argues it should have only been used for long-term infrastructure and similar one-time expenses. But the state used it to "backfill" its budget — for example, replacing a large sum of school aid with stimulus funds — and "never planned for the day [the end] came." That means they're now looking at "draconian cuts."

Durant looks at recent experience in Spencer, where he's a selectmen, as a better approach. There, he claims the town has "done a good job dealing with these cuts because we're in a team environment" that allowed them to increase the town's stabilization fund. His board supported three Proposition 2.5 ballot questions — two debt exclusions for a fire truck and Town Hall repairs, the third a general override for government needs. Cirba has criticized him for that support because Spencer then had about $1.2 million on hand, but Durant argues that money is best used for one-time capital purchases.

"Being a conservative doesn't mean you're part of the 'no money for anything' crowd," Durant said.

Going forward, one major need will be energy, but Durant's not a supporter of using government funds or taxes to "pick winners and losers."

"We can't keep subsidizing all these alternative energy systems just because there's hope for it down the road," he said. "I think we need a shotgun approach and look at all of these types of energy."

Instead, he sees a large place for increased efficiency at all levels, something he feels is "much more cost effective." That's a place for potential tax credits and low-interest loans, which already exist and he'd like to keep going. It might also be a place for state grants or pilot programs, which he sees as giving "entrepreneurs a chance to develop whatever it is we want to accomplish."

Ironically, he acknowledges that's essentially what the Evergreen Solar project was supposed to be — the firm accepted millions in state funds then claimed it couldn't compete with China and closed, when it has a facility in China. Citing Auditor Suzanne Bump, Durant said the state spends $2 billion on such tax incentives, but with little oversight and often no "claw-back provisions."

"There are a lot of ideas out there other states are trying to implement," he observed, pointing especially at health care. In that vein, he said he rejects the single-payer concept, but is willing to see what other states and countries are doing, "figure out what works best, and tweak it."

He supports recent legislation to eliminate health care from municipal collective bargaining. On the larger scale, he feels the insurance problem is largely doctors' fear of being sued, so they order unnecessary tests.

"If we're serious about having a health insurance safety net, we need to have low-cost catastrophic plans" that would cover unexpected injuries and illness, he said. "We have to make the processes we have more efficient and cut the superfluous waste."

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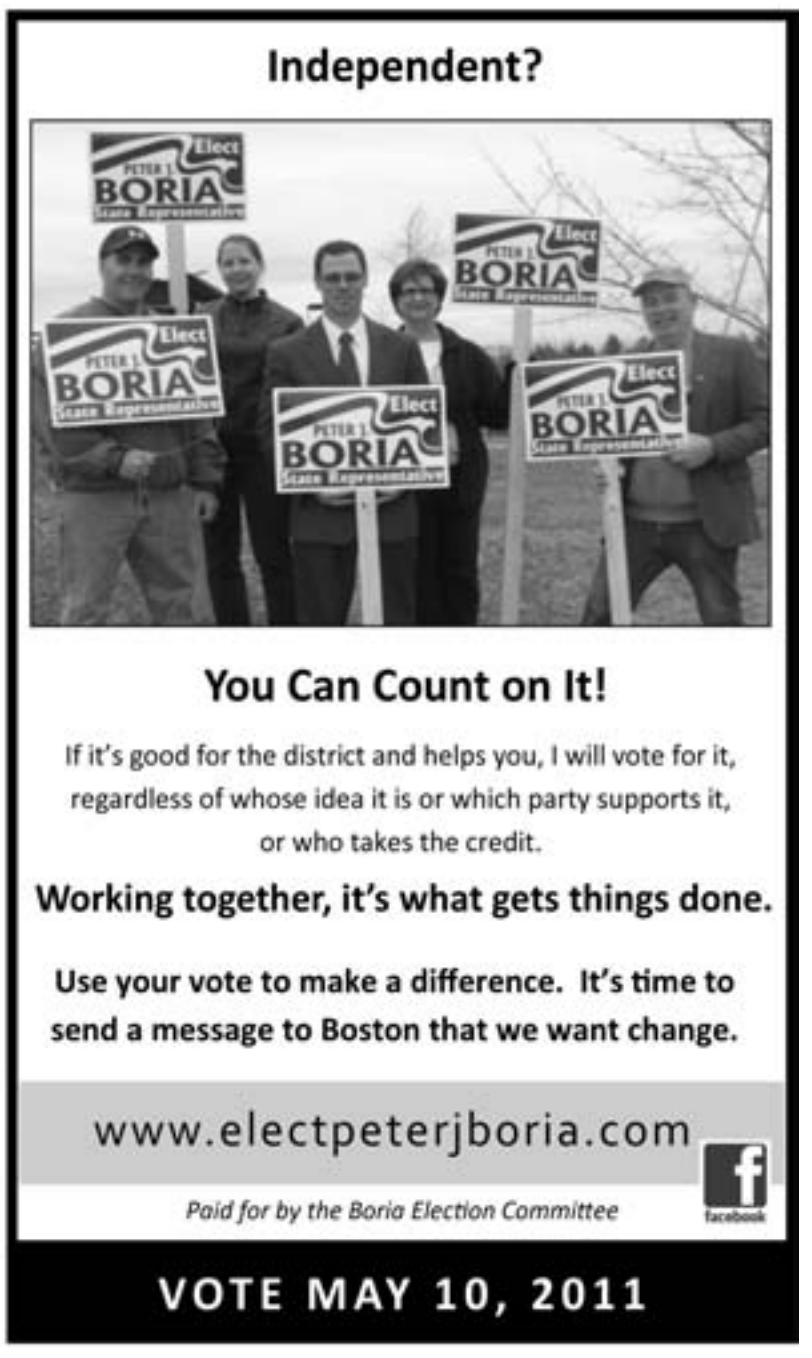
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News Briefs

Basic Military Training

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Army National Guard Pvt. Steven T. Roberts has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

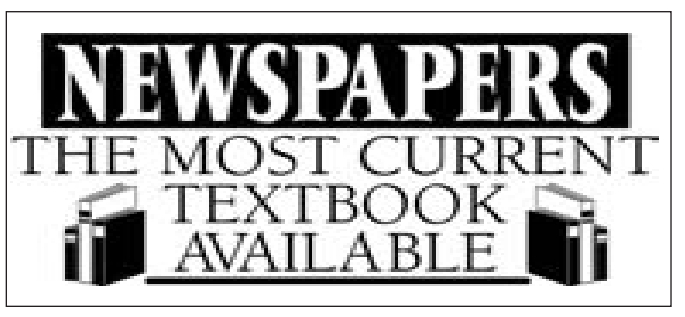
Roberts is the son of Ted E. and Donna M. Roberts of Mechanic St., Spencer. His wife, Sheena, is the daughter of James Dwinell of Suoemi St., Paxton, and Rhonda Dudley of Oxford.

The private is a 2005 graduate of South High School, Worcester.

Brookfield Memorial Day Parade seeks marchers

BROOKFIELD — The Brookfield Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30. Marchers are needed. The parade will leave the Elementary School at 10 a.m. Marchers should meet for line-up by 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Day calls upon a united nation to appropriately mark the last resting place of our sons and daughters who saw service while following the flag in times of war. Fellow citizens, comrades of any military organization, all comrades of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or returned comrades of the same, veterans of all wars, all service men and women, town of Brookfield police, firefighters, first responders, civil defense, emergency medical technicians, sons of the American Legion and V.F.W., scouts, 4-H youths, recreation teams, students, and parade units are earnestly invited to join us in a proper observance of this day.



SPORTS

Abrain, Rams extend win streak to 31 games

BY GREG SEBASTIAO
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge baseball team remained undefeated on April 27, as they slipped past the 0-6 Quaboag Cougars by a final score of 12-2, keeping their 31 game unbeaten streak alive for another day. Though the end result was a 10-run Rams victory, the Cougars found themselves within two runs at 4-2 coming into the bottom of the sixth inning until Northbridge broke things open.

Matt Niejadlik was perfect for the Rams at the plate, going 4 for 4 and driving in a pair of runs, while senior co-captain Greg O'Donnell helped lead the charge by going 3 for 4 with a 2-RBI double. On the hill, senior Matt Abrain went the distance, allowing two runs and striking out seven Quaboag batters on 108 pitches.

"A win's a win and I should never complain, but my expectations are very high," Northbridge coach John Demagian said. "They are high because we work so hard at our game and sometimes we take a little longer than necessary, yet we seem to get it done; it seems to happen."

It certainly does seem to happen for the Rams, who have been able to pull away from their competition in the sixth inning over their last few games.

"I don't want to keep waiting till the sixth inning," said Demagian. "It was 4-2 in the 6th inning and [Jimmy Zalatores] was keeping them [Quaboag] in the game and we weren't hitting the ball real well…then one inning it all comes together; I guess we do what we have to do to win."

With the Rams up 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth inning, Quaboag coach Brian Guimond sent starting pitcher Jimmy Zalatores back to the mound to face the Rams offense that he had done such a nice job of taming all day. Unfortunately for the Cougars, Northbridge's offense woke up in a big way.

Matt Litchfield started the inning with a bunt base hit and advanced to second on a passed ball. Ben O'Donnell stepped up next and lined a shot back up the middle, allowing Litchfield to head to third. Niejadlik continued his solid day by singling to score Litchfield and give the Rams a three-run lead at 5-2. Senior co-captain Tom Murphy came up next and doubled to score Ben O'Donnell and advance Niejadlik to third.

Quaboag starting pitcher Jimmy Zalatores stares in to get the sign from the catcher.

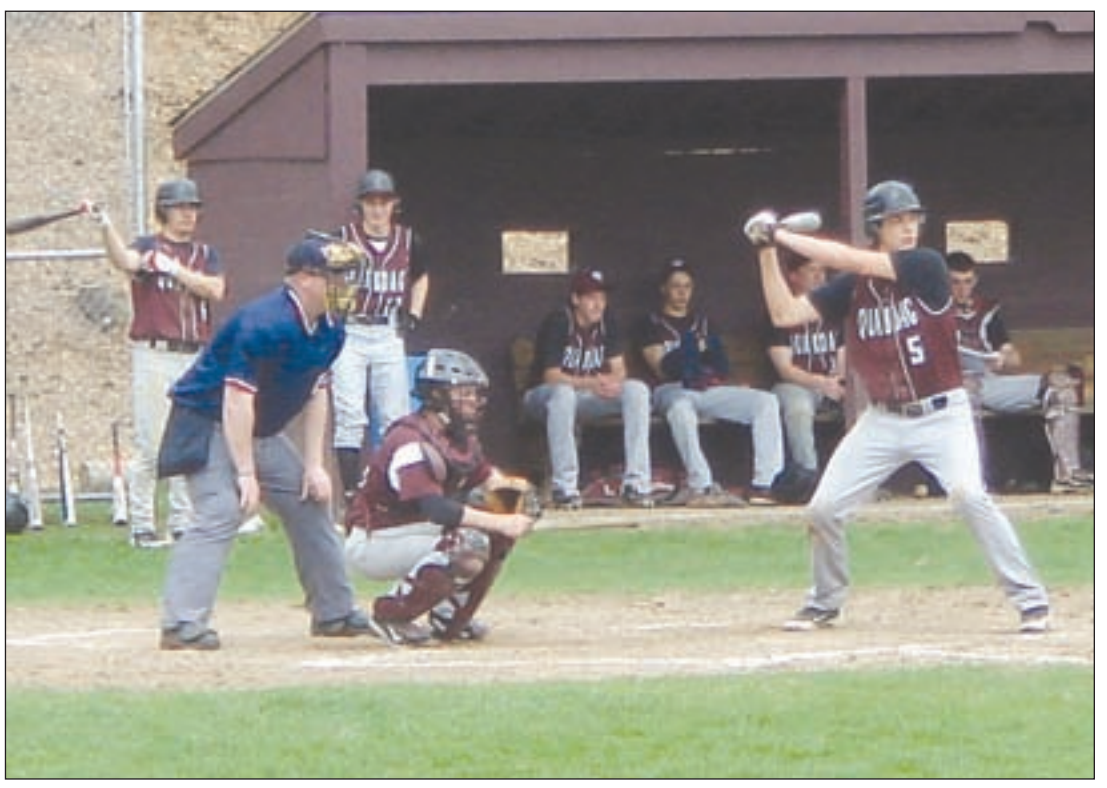
Evan Mackintosh continued the hit parade by singling to right to score Niejadlik and then Greg O'Donnell followed with a double, plating two more to extend the Rams' lead to 9-2. A Sean Kinahan single to left drove in Mackintosh and Greg O'Donnell, chasing Zalatores from the game.

The Rams would add one more run off relief pitcher Greg Sokol, courtesy of a Niejadlik single to put the game out of reach at 12-2.

"If you told me at the start of this game that it was going to be 4-2 in the sixth inning, I'd take it," Guimond said. "Jimmy Zalatores did a great job by keeping the ball down, but when you start leaving the ball up – a good hitting team like they are – they start hitting it. We never put a whole lot of pressure on them [offensively] and that's the difference; pretty good defense, pretty good pitching, but our at bats, not so much."

The Rams turned back to Abrain in the seventh inning, and although he allowed a single to Sokol, he was able to shut down the Cougars to extend the Rams' win streak to 31 games.

"My curveball was working pretty well and I got ahead in the count with my fastball and then threw my curveball," Abrain said. "I knew we were going to score eventually because we have a great offense, but I knew that if I just kept us in it and kept throwing strikes and getting grounders that we'd score eventually. You can't hold Evan [Mackintosh], Greg [O'Donnell] and Sean [Kinahan] out too long."



Greg Sebastiao photos

Quaboag shortstop Thomas Jankins bats against Northbridge left-hander Matt Abrain.

"He pitched well," Damagain added. "He kept the ball down, got a lot of groundballs, but we made five errors. I love the way he competes out there, he's always going to keep you in the ball game, just with his competitiveness."

Though Quaboag remains winless on the young season, they have a lot of talented players and had the opportunity over April vacation to bond and come together as a team in Cooperstown, N.Y., where they played a game against the Oxford Pirates.

"It was great; we played a game against Oxford up there and lost 7-3, but another good game as well," Guimond said. "It's been tough; they're trying. It's not for a lack of effort, I just think we need to start transferring some of the lessons that we learn in some games to the next game, and instead we seem to make the same mistakes over and over again."

With only one senior on the team, three juniors, six sophomores, and two freshmen, the future for the Cougars looks bright.

"You forget sometimes that they're just kids," Guimond said, "Hopefully as this group of kids get a little older they'll be able to compete."

As for the Rams, they pulled out another win in the late innings and continue to pile up the victories despite how they're playing.

"When you've won 31 in a row I guess these games have to happen, but we'll take it. We're not going to worry about this one in June," Demagian said. "This train keeps chugging along and I'm sure eventually somebody's going to sneak up on us, but right now, things look pretty good."

Sports Briefs

Swing Into Spring golf tournament approaches

The Spencer Exchange Club's 35th annual Swing Into Spring golf tournament will be held Friday, May 20, at Leicester Country Club on Route 9. It's always a fun day with all proceeds earmarked for programs supporting children and those in need in the Spencer-East Brookfield area.

The event kicks off with a free warm-up at the Tin Cup Driving Range on Route 9 at the Spencer/Leicester line from 7:30-8:30 a.m. That will be followed by a coffee and donuts registration period from 8:15-9 a.m., sponsored by Dunkin Donuts of Spencer and Leicester. There is then a 9 a.m. shotgun start to the Florida style tournament. A golfer's lunch is provided courtesy of Spencer Savings Bank. An awards dinner and gift raffles will immediately follow the tournament at Leicester Country Club.

This annual golf tournament is one of several fundraising events sponsored by the Spencer Exchange Club in support of many worthwhile local causes including, but not limited to, providing funds for warm winter clothing for needy children, Toys for Tots, Toys for Joy, the David Prouty High School scholarship fund, the Spencer Little League, Hearts for Heat, and many more. The club is appreciative of the community support and generosity it receives, without which it would not be able to carry out its mission of service.

For more information regarding participation in the tournament or becoming an additional sponsor, please contact Arnie Arsenault at (508) 885-5589 or Priscilla Berthiaume at (508) 885-5313, extension 253.

Julianne Caron Memorial Golf Tournament registration

The Julianne Caron Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 14, at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club. Cost is $75 per person with four person teams. Cost includes golf, cart and dinner. The registration period opens at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Please register your team by May 7 – call Mike Borelli at (508) 561-4698 or by email at mikeborelli@verizon.net. All proceeds will benefit the Julianne Caron Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Paul Vandale Promotions presents 'The Beast Comes East'

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Discounts are available for groups of 15-plus on select seats. Contact groups@dcucenter.com or (508) 929-0125 for details.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Jessica Eldridge

Eldridge, a Leicester resident, was recently named New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Week, as the Southern Vermont freshman shortstop hit safely in four consecutive games, including three multiple hit games for the Mountaineers. Eldridge batted .500 (7 for 14) and slugged .571, collecting three RBIs.

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SPORTS

Eight unearned runs harm Minutemen in loss to Eagles

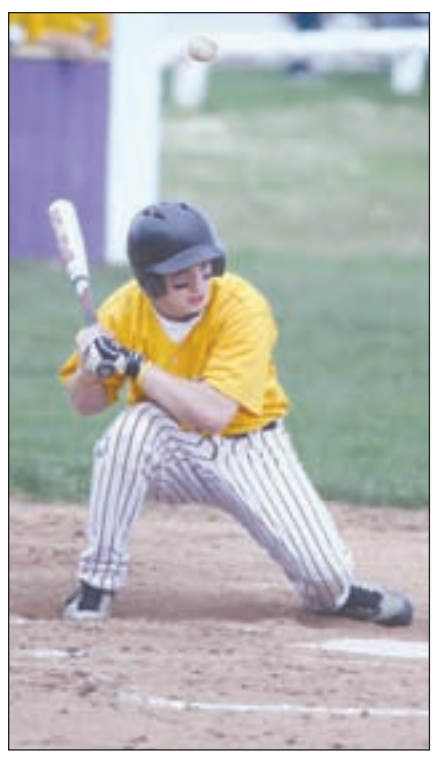
BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — If one were to take away the top of the third inning from the Bay Path vs. Worcester Tech contest held May 2, the Eagles would have narrowly defeated the Minutemen 4-3. Instead, Worcester Tech was able to plate across eight runs in the frame – all runs were unearned – and the Eagles won decisively, 12-3.

"Eight unearned runs in one inning and you just can't win like that," Bay Path coach Mark Sansoucy said. "Outside of that one inning, it's a game."

With Worcester Tech leading 2-0, thanks to a two-run second inning on RBI base hits from Joe Lundberg and Andrew Montiverdi, it looked as if the Minutemen would escape further trouble in the third. Bay Path pitcher Brandon Normandin retired the first two batters in order, but from there it was all trouble.

John Boyd of the Eagles hit a lazy pop fly to third baseman Nick Nickerson, but with a pretty strong wind breezing toward left field, the ball popped out of his glove, keeping the inning alive. Mike Mastrototaro (3 for 4) then hit a spinning single to first base, and as the runner reached Boyd raced home. Montiverdi followed with what appeared to be a routine groundball out, but first baseman Dan Hooten dropped the ball and everyone was safe, including Mastrototaro at home. Ryan Sandstrom was up next, and he contributed with an RBI single.



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path third baseman Nick Nickerson awaits the throw from the catcher while a Worcester Tech runner advances to the bag. Bay Path's Josh St. Laurent ducks under a Worcester Tech pitch to avoid getting hit. Bay Path's Brandon Normandin releases and follows through on his pitch to the plate.

After Tony Monteiro (2 for 4) singled to load the bases, No. 9 hitter Tony Wightman plated two with a long single. Back to the top of the order, Nick Matthews – now batting for a second time in the frame – laced an RBI double, and Mike Kaczowka finished the rally with a 2RBI single.

When all was said and done after two and a half innings of play, Worcester Tech led 10-0.

"[Against] a Top 10 team, you got to make the plays," said Sansoucy of his defense, which made five errors in the game. "You can't give them extra outs, and that's why they beat us."

Despite the high run total from the Eagles, Sansoucy liked the way Normandin pitched.

"Brandon pitched great," he said. "There's nothing you can do. You can't defend the errors. Once we made one mistake, it snowballed."

Bay Path picked up a run in the bottom of the third inning after Dave Prince doubled and Andrew Richards (2 for 4) singled him in, but Worcester Tech landed one last punch in the top of the fourth inning.

After a Mastrototaro double, Montiverdi (2 for 4) launched a deep shot that cleared the softball dugout in deep leftfield, good for a home run.

Now leading 12-2, the Eagles gave up single runs to the Minutemen in the fifth and seventh innings, respectively. Normandin and Josh St. Laurent picked up the RBI hits.

Bay Path only collected five hits all afternoon while stranding 11 runners.

"Right now we only have a few guys that are hitting consistently, so we need to get better at it," said Sansoucy.

And the defense has had other poor outings similar to this last game, so Sansoucy knows that needs to change as well.

"We've been pretty inconsistent defensively," he said. "We can come out one day and play great, and we can [also] make a lot of mistakes."

Worcester Tech improved to 6-1 overall, 5-0 in the Colonial Athletic League (CAL), while the Minutemen dropped below the .500 line – the grounds for reaching the postseason tournament – to 4-5 overall, 3-2 in the CAL.

"They're great kids, they work hard, and they'll get better," said Sansoucy.

Cormier in New England US Open National Playoffs

EAST BROOKFIELD — Most people never get a second shot to have the experience of a lifetime. Shawn Cormier had to wait less than a year to take advantage of his missed opportunity.

Cormier missed out on the 2010 US Open National Playoffs – the inaugural event – but wasn't about to let the chance pass by again.

Cormier, a 44-year-old jeweler from East Brookfield, will take part in the New England US Open National Playoffs May 18 at the Yale University Tennis Center, with a shot at playing in America's most famous tennis tournament on the line.

"I actually happened to catch the finals last year, and I remember thinking that I really wished I had signed up to play," said Cormier, who has taken a few days off from his family business to attend the tournament. "It's a great idea and to think an average person has the opportunity to move onto something huge is amazing. Everyone who plays has everything to gain and nothing to lose, and I'm really looking forward to it. It's definitely a bucket list thing for me."

Cormier, who grew up in Southbridge, was a bit of a late-bloomer in tennis, starting his career at 16 at the urging of a tennis-crazed uncle.

He played at Southbridge High School and moved on to play college tennis for Long Island University, but like so many other players, he put the game on hold for a bit when his NCAA career wound down.

"I was away from the game for 10 years or so, trying to get my career established and raise my family," Cormier said. "There's a really nice club (Paxton Sports Centre) just down the street, and I really missed the game whenever I drove by. So, one day, I dropped in and asked if I could get a lesson. That was five or six years ago, and I've playing a lot ever since."

Cormier plays USTA League and tries to get on the court twice a week, but hasn't done anything different as far as training is concerned to prepare for his foray into the US Open qualifier.

And the reason for this is quite sensible.

"I wish my body was 20 years old again," Cormier joked. "I play twice a week, and I play hard. I'd love to be able to get some more preparation, but I'm not sure my body would hold up."

Cormier isn't exactly sure what to expect when he pulls into the Yale Tennis Center, but he has a decent idea.

"I'm sure there's going to be players with a vast array of talent, and I'm sure some will be there knowing they have a chance to win it and advance," said Cormier, who carries a 4.0 NTRP rating. "I'm sure there'll be others who are there for the experience and to have a good time."

Cormier believes he'll fall somewhere in the middle.

"I certainly won't be delusional and think that this is the first step to a showdown on center court with Andy Roddick," he said. "But, I wouldn't mind getting hooked up with one of the ringers for a match. I think that would allow me to relax mentally and just let my shots rip and see what happens."

No matter the result, Cormier knows he'll have no regrets about participating.

"Everyone who has ever played tennis – from the time they were a kid – has had that fantasy about playing in front of that huge crowd at the US Open," he said. "Even now, I have the desire to do that, but I'm sure my goal will be tempered by reality. But, this is still the opportunity of a lifetime, and I'm excited about it."

Anderson's big day helps Rams beat Warriors

BY MICHAEL CORSO
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Senior pitcher Tyler Anderson had a big all-around game for the Shepherd Hill baseball team, going 3 for 3 with a key RBI double at the plate and pitching a complete game on the mound en route to a dramatic 2-1 victory over Tantasqua on Wednesday afternoon, April 27.

The Rams, now 5-3, would score a single run in both the sixth and seventh innings to edge the Warriors in a well-pitched game.

The hard throwing lefty shut down a powerful Tantasqua lineup, allowing just one run on five hits while striking out six batters and working out of several key jams to keep his team in the game.

"Tyler's a warrior, a real competitor," said Shepherd Hill coach Shaune Ducharme. "I don't worry about him out there on the mound."

The Warriors, who dropped to 6-5, had a strong outing from junior starting pitcher Eric Proulx, who kept the Rams' offense at bay for most of the afternoon, mixing in a hard curveball along with a deceptively quick fastball. Proulx finished the afternoon going six innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out eight batters.

First year head coach Mark Muska was pleased with his team's performance, in particular his pitcher's.

"Eric pitched a heck of a game," he said. "It was a tough loss but I don't think we played horrible. We just couldn't get a big hit."

With the game tied at 1-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Warriors brought in junior right-hander Kyle Lavallee to keep the game tied. After striking out the first batter he faced, Lavallee allowed a single to left fielder Holden French (1 for 3) on a ball that took a tough hop on third baseman Jake Boliard. Sophomore second baseman Drew Ravenelle (2 for 4) added a single to right field that advanced the speedy French to third base. French would race home shortly after when Lavallee threw a breaking ball in the dirt that catcher Nick Champeau couldn't handle, sending the Rams' bench into a frenzy, meeting French at home plate.

Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua pitcher Eric Proulx fires a pitch to the plate for the Warriors.

Shortstop Lee Murphy of Tantasqua fields the ball and releases it over to first base.

"The end result I'll take any day," said Ducharme following the game. "The kids calmed down. We've become a team instead of individuals."

On the other side, Muska and his squad have been on the short end of a few close games this season.

"I just told them to forget about this one and move on to the next game," he said. "There's always tomorrow. That's baseball."

Neither side could generate any offense for much of the afternoon. However, it was the Warriors who pushed the first run across the board in the fourth inning.

With two outs Tantasqua began a rally that started with Champeau (2 for 3), who hit a single to right field. He would scoot across the plate when right fielder Pat Button (2 for 3) ripped an RBI double to the left-center gap. Anderson would minimize the damage by getting the next batter to fly out to right field and keep the score 1-0.

The Warriors took that 1-0 advantage into the sixth inning. With one out, they would load the bases on a Tim Santilli walk and a pair of base hits from Champeau and Button. Anderson buckled down and struck out the next two batters to get out of the inning.

With the momentum swinging to their side, Shepherd Hill finally got to Proulx in the bottom half of the sixth inning to tie the game.

With one out senior shortstop John Preissler (1 for 3) hit a laser that quickly went over the center fielder's head and left him on second base with a double. Designated hitter Bryan Stearns walked to put runners on first and second. Anderson promptly laced a ground-rule double into the right-center gap that one-hopped into the woods, scoring Preissler.

Proulx then got out of the jam by striking out the next two batters preserving a 1-1 game.

The starting center fielders on both teams flashed some leather to help out their starting pitchers. In the fourth inning Stearns hit a ball that looked to find some grass in centerfield, but Lavallee made a nice diving catch to keep Stearns off the base path.

Stearns' teammate would get some revenge on the Warriors in the top half of the fifth inning. Second baseman Charlie Decataldo hit a shallow fly ball to center that was tracked down on a diving effort by sophomore Brad Picard.

Ducharme has been pleased with the progression of his young team's overall play.

"We got a little bit more aggressive," said Ducharme. "Confidence is a big thing, and we're starting to have that."

'I can't tell you I'm happy. I can tell you I'm sad'

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at times breaking with emotion. "I don't relish anybody dead, but I think we're all better off that he is. It just brought everything back up, 9/11 and all the pain that goes with it. He's our son, and it's like a deep wound that just heals over the surface and certain things scrape that surface away and it's that deep hole again."

Sweeney said her daughter and two sons, Kevin and John, stopped by their parents' home and shared their feelings about Sunday's events.

"We've all been together and discussing it," Sweeney said. "I think we're all the same. Some have said thank God, but it's bittersweet. I can't tell you I'm happy. I can tell you I'm sad. I don't know what this is going to bring about. I think we're still in a very uncertain time."

Government officials and experts are unsure what the passing of bin Laden means for al-Qaida or future attacks against the United States, its citizens and its allies.

On a Facebook page set up to remember Brian, Anne Sweeney wrote Monday morning, "Raising a glass for you today. One meathead dead and lots more to go! Talk to you and miss you every day."

Luise Sweeney said she had not yet spoken with Brian's wife, Julie, on bin Laden's death. But Julie e-mailed Anne, she said, and "she was just happy that he was gone."

Sweeney had high praise for the Navy SEALs who fulfilled their mission in Pakistan on Sunday.

"I think that they're the most courageous people, that they show valor," she said. "I question where they found him, that there were people there who knew where he was and were protecting him."

According to media reports, the city where bin Laden was found was the home of two Pakistani army regiments and a military academy. He lived in what the Washington Post called a "sprawling and heavily fortified mansion."

"Because of this fanatic man, I think that we have lost so many good people," Sweeney said. "So you know you just can't rejoice today. You have to feel pride [for the people] that were able to look him in the eye and take him out, but there's no happiness today."

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Kiszka, Metcalf earn school board nods

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Austin for the Brookfield Elementary School Committee, Joseph F. Murray for Water Commissioner, Barbara A. Clancy and Jerome J. Rudzinski Sr. for Trustees for the Public Library and Wayne Yaskoski for Cemetery Commissioner.

A five-year seat on the Housing Authority had a tie for the winner, with two people earning two write-in votes each. For a four-year seat on the board, Lisa Caron was the winner — also with two write-in votes.

Out of 2,228 registered voters, according to Town Clerk Michael Seery, 628 cast ballots — for a turnout of 28.2 percent.

In a statement to the Spencer New Leader Monday night, McElroy said, "First, I would like to thank the residents of Brookfield for coming out to vote today and participating in this important process. I am especially thankful for all of the wonderful support that I have received. I'd also like to thank Roger Mundell Jr. for running a good campaign and to all the residents that I've spoken to who have shared their thoughts with me along the way. I look forward to continuing to serve the town of Brookfield and appreciate the opportunity to do so in this new position."

"I tried my best," Mundell said. "I know she'll do a good job, and if I could have done it I would have done my best also. Good luck to her. We're still friends, and I don't have any hard feelings."

Earnest said he was "surprised I got that many votes," and plans on applying when there is a vacancy on the Planning Board.

"I enjoyed the victory, it was good," Wassmer said. "Can't wait to the meeting next Tuesday and see what we can do from there."

Comtois, who earned 431 votes (along with 17 write-ins and 180 blanks), said he hopes to work on two items that have been on the Board of Selectmen's agenda but are not yet resolved: fixing up Town Hall and finding a permanent home for the police station.

"Get them resolved, I think we'll be in good shape," he said, adding he would also focus on "serving the residents of Brookfield. That's what we've been elected to do."

Comtois, in addition to running for selectman, spearheaded the effort last fall to have the tax collector elected instead of appointed by selectmen. After being OK'd at a Special Town Meeting, the Legislature approved special legislation that Gov. Deval Patrick signed in early January.

NORTH BROOKFIELD

Roughly two hours after they started hand-counting ballots, poll workers at Monday's Annual Town Election had determined who earned enough write-in votes to join the School Committee and Cemetery Commission.

Michael Kiszka got 88 votes to win one of the available school board seats. James Metcalf, who decided not to seek re-election this year, took second place with 16 votes.

If either of them decides not to accept to seat, according to Town Clerk Sheila Buzzell, the Board of Selectmen would appoint someone.

Meanwhile, Kirk Burnham got 30 votes to take the seat on the Cemetery Commission.

Buzzell said 455 people went to the polls May 2 out of 2,928 registered voters — a turnout of 15.5 percent.

Kiszka announced in an open letter to North Brookfield residents last weekend his wife convinced him to run for the School Committee because no one had taken out nomination papers.

"I am committed to improving the North Brookfield school system not only for the sake of our daughter, Liana (age 6), but for every other child attending our schools now and in the future," he wrote. "I am excited about the opportunity to work closely with our new superintendent, the school committee, and the entire town to make the North Brookfield school system a model of what can be accomplished when people work together towards a common goal."

Kiszka said he has more than 15 years' experience as a business analyst and process improvement analyst, "and feel that this skill set will be helpful as we look to improve our schools."

The other posts on the election ballot were not contested: Mary Walter for the Board of Selectmen, Priscilla Johnson for the Board of Assessors, John Thomasian for the Water Commission, Catherine Strandberg for the Board of Health, Betty Wuelfing and Scott Norrie for Library Trustee, Richard LeBlanc for the Playground Committee, Darlene Lavin for a five-year term on the Housing Authority, Donald Gillette for the Bay Path School Committee and Christopher Donais for the Planning Board.

Walter was the target of a last-minute write-in challenge Monday, but it mustered 73 votes to Walter's 346. There were 30 blank ballots.

"I was just glad I campaigned from the beginning," Walter said. "I really think you have to earn every vote, in every election, and I'm so grateful to the people that helped me, especially my husband."

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Boria: Need to build trust, cooperation

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

To Peter Boria, there's a serious breakdown of trust at all levels of government, and he hopes to do something about it.

"There's no trust anywhere from citizens to municipal government, from municipal to state government," he said. "Everyone thinks everyone else is wasting money."

Peter Boria

But he argues, "The people in the towns are doing the best with what we have."

Having seen that tension for several years and watching how the Legislature addressed it, Boria came to the conclusion — "I could do that." So he threw his hat in the ring for the 6th Worcester representative's race as an independent, where he faces fellow independent Robert Cirba, Republican Peter Durant and incumbent Democrat Geraldo Alicea May 10.

Years ago, Boria used to be a Republican, but he switched because he "got tired of the party politics. … The banter [in both parties] doesn't focus on the issues, and the people don't get any benefit from it."

"Maybe they don't want us to know," he observed. "They overwhelm you with information or don't give you any."

Instead, he advocates pulling the various interests together and taking ideas from all sides. A case in point for him is the ongoing health insurance situation. He admits he doesn't have a ready-made solution, but wants to pull insurers, doctors, citizens and other players to the table and figure one out.

"There are tough decisions to make, and they're not enjoyable," he said.

For the last seven years, Boria has been a selectman in Charlton, several of them chairman. Previously, he spent about two years on the Water-Sewer Commission and a few more on the Water Commission before they merged. He got his start on the police chief search committee that hired the current chief, James Pervier.

But most of his time has been focused on the family business, running LaMountain's Garage and a related property management firm that, among other things, built the CVS on Route 20.

"When I was growing up, politics wasn't really on my mind," he said. "Working at the gas station, you always heard people talking politics, but we never really did at home. … [Eventually,] I started watching people in town… [local politics] kind of sucks you in."

To Boria, several recent issues indicate local voices aren't being heard on Beacon Hill. Specifically, he points to cuts in local aid, the expanded sales tax, the alcohol tax (which voters killed at the ballot in November), defunding the Quinn Bill (which pays police extra for degrees), and various business-related issues. But he cautions against doing what often happens with law-making: "a knee-jerk reaction [that goes] to one extreme and makes it unaffordable to do things."

Of course, like all of his opponents, he sees a need to watch the budget; in his case, that means "consolidate programs," revamp the pension, welfare and disability systems and make more changes to the health insurance system. To do those things, though, Boria advocates reaching out to public unions and "earn their trust, so that when we say there's no money, they believe us" and help solve the problem.

He points to recent success the selectmen have had with town unions to show it works, but it takes "small steps. It's not all or nothing." Regarding health care specifically, he noted they negotiated an agreement to keep insurance level-funded for next year when it has been skyrocketing in many other towns.

"The more you communicate to employees that this [fiscal mess] is real, the more they're willing to cooperate," Boria said. "But I don't really see the Legislature is willing to do that."

At the moment, Boria acknowledges that he has few specific prescriptions for solutions, largely because he's not in a position to ask the state department heads "Can you explain to me what this $4 billion does?" If elected, though, he said he wants to have such conversations to prioritize spending needs and identify whether they've actually "cut as much as they can cut."

Within the district, similar discussions are necessary with local officials and voters regarding why state budget changes are happening. That's something he feels Alicea and other recent legislators haven't been good about doing.

When asked why he jumped in the race only after last November's recount and court case, Boria said he'd "been thinking about it since 2006," but couldn't then manage the garage and CVS project while running. Last summer, he said, he was able to hire a few people and started planning for a run in 2012, but this chance opened, with its short campaign season. Normally, a candidate has to commit to months of effort, he said.

That does create one issue now, though: If Boria wins, he notes he can't effectively be both selectman and state representative, so he'll resign the former. That means Charlton will need another special election (as would Spencer if Durant wins).

Being an independent, he notes he won't have a built-in legislative group to caucus with, but he doesn't see that as a problem. Instead, he plans to do so based on individual issues, with the hope that, over time, voters will send other third-party folks to Beacon Hill to create such a caucus.

Right now, he argues, Republicans often "vote no just to say 'we're in the minority,' and can't get anything done." Democrats, by contrast, have held control for decades, and people need to ask whether they're happy with that, he said.

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Cirba: 'Outrage is a pretty good place to start'

BY GUS STEEVES
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There's no doubt that Robert Cirba is the most blunt, even ascerbic, candidate running in the 6th Worcester special election this spring. But there's also no doubt anyone who hears him knows where he stands.

Robert Cirba

"A sense of outrage is a pretty good place to start," he argues.

For him, the big issue is health care, and he's the only one in the race advocating a public option.

"Is this [current system] making any sense to you?" he asked, rhetorically. "… When you start looking at all these figures and numbers, you have to ask why do I have health insurance?"

Actually, Cirba admits he doesn't at the moment, because he can't afford it. Last year, he said, his personal premium jumped from $965 to $1650, and the rate he pays for his employees is similarly high.

"If you had to submit to the same healthcare I have to, it wouldn't happen," he said, directing the comment at legislators, who "opted out" of the private mandate they required for everyone else. That fact, and the mandate itself, he dubs "the biggest slap in the face to the people of Massachusetts," because it forces people to either buy private insurance or take a $1,800 tax penalty if they don't meet the income limits for Commonwealth Care.

Because of it and other issues, Cirba argues "The middle class is becoming the disenfranchised class."

That's where the public option — otherwise dubbed single payer or Medicare for All — comes in. Such a program would bring Massachusetts in line with most of the world's other democracies and reduce costs for both individuals and business by eliminating a lot of the corporate bureaucracy. To Cirba, such a system can be created by "networking with people" and getting the voters on board.

"We can't afford money for education or health care, but we turn around and start a war in Libya?" he remarked, also noting the 2009 bank bailout offended him.

Unlike his opponents — Democrat Geraldo Alicea, Republican Peter Durant and independent Peter Boria — he talks about there being a strong link between environmental issues and health, and is particularly concerned about the Southbridge landfill.

"Public health is something you've got to be cognizant of," he said. "There's no perfect system [of disposal]. You've got to be aware of what you're throwing in a landfill, and some of the household things are just as bad."

As a painting contractor, Cirba said he often sees what developers "throw in these dumpsters," and is especially concerned that, no matter how well designed a landfill is, "eventually, all of that stuff is going to leak out."

He has personal experience with that. As a child, his father was a farmer and they opted to move uphill from a planned facility to specifically avoid the risk of well contamination, even though the company involved (he didn't identify it) said it was safe.

"I trust nature more than I trust man," he said.

Ironically, that interest in nature has clashed in one respect with his present role on the Spencer-East Brookfield School Committee. In the last year or so, the federal government has been advocating for schools making their menus more healthy with more fresh vegetables. While Cirba agrees with that in concept, he notes the feds aren't putting anywhere near enough money behind it. He argued that at a time lettuce alone jumped from $25 to $60 a case, federal aid for the program amounted to just six cents a student.

At the same time, he notes, the schools can't afford home economics or enough gym teachers to give students adequate exposure to these concepts.

Cirba admits his 10 months on the school committee have been fairly contentious — even to the point of his being sued twice by the teachers' union. But he argues it was "smoke and mirrors" that obscured the fact the board was eventually able to work with the union to avoid an override without laying anyone off.

"We told the teachers, 'You're yelling at us, but we're the wrong people to yell at,'" he said, directing them to focus their anger on the Legislature for budget cuts. "I'm not going to tell you what you want to hear all the time."

He expressed a lot of those issues on his blog, but he said he makes a point of only using it to address events that occurred in public meetings.

"It's never about an individual I've served with," he said. "It's just about my observations" of such meetings or the actions of administrators and government.

"We need to stop being so politically correct and just say what's on your mind," Cirba added. "… We've gotten so used to being pandered to by politicians. If I see something, I'm going to say it."

Take, for example, term limits, which he supports.

"If you're not looking out for the people who are voting for you, you don't belong there," he said.

He's equally annoyed at the existing welfare system, which he argues is "not working. It was supposed to be a stop-gap, not a lifestyle."

Back in the 1990s, Gov. William Weld "was on the right track," he said, and he'd like to see more focus on job training and having recipients be required to at least volunteer 20-30 hours a week in the community for their checks. Among other things, he'd like to see the rebirth of a Civilian Conservation Corps or something similar that can handle road cleanups and other community maintenance "instead of having prisoners do it."

"People are screaming for volunteers," he said. "We really could keep people busy."

Promoting volunteerism is one reason Cirba said he's running, and he points to various efforts he's been involved with over the years. Among them are duty as a youth basketball referee and helping create the "Cards that Care" effort in the elementary school to send cards to Afghanistan.

Cirba said he took the plunge into politics largely because of a proposed Spencer sign bylaw, but noted his uncle was also a local politician. The selectmen sought to severely restrict signs — primarily, he said, to get Whitco to change their Main Street storefront — but that upset many others, and Cirba said he packed one of their meetings "with 50 angry businesses."

Later, he also starting taking aim at Durant specifically for various things, including his support of three overrides "when there was $1.2 million in town coffers." He admits his feud with Durant has become personal, claiming his opponent "tried to destroy my reputation."

Regarding Alicea, Cirba's opposition isn't personal, but he doesn't like the incumbent's stance on recent issues.

"You don't vote to raise taxes because every time you do that, you just get deeper into the muck," he said. "Every penny you save adds up. You need to cut the waste in government first."

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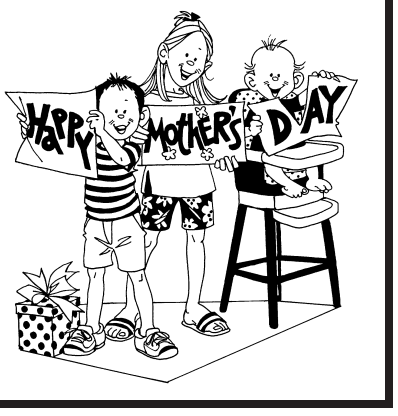

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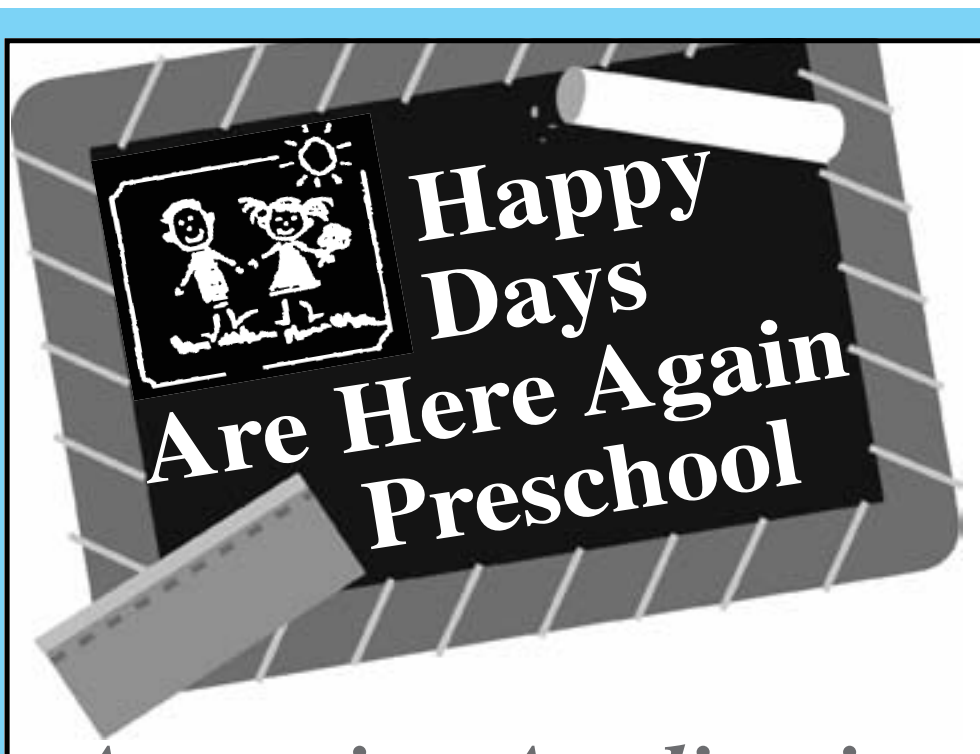

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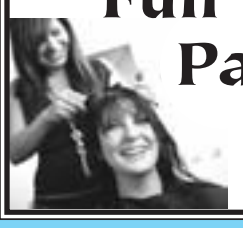

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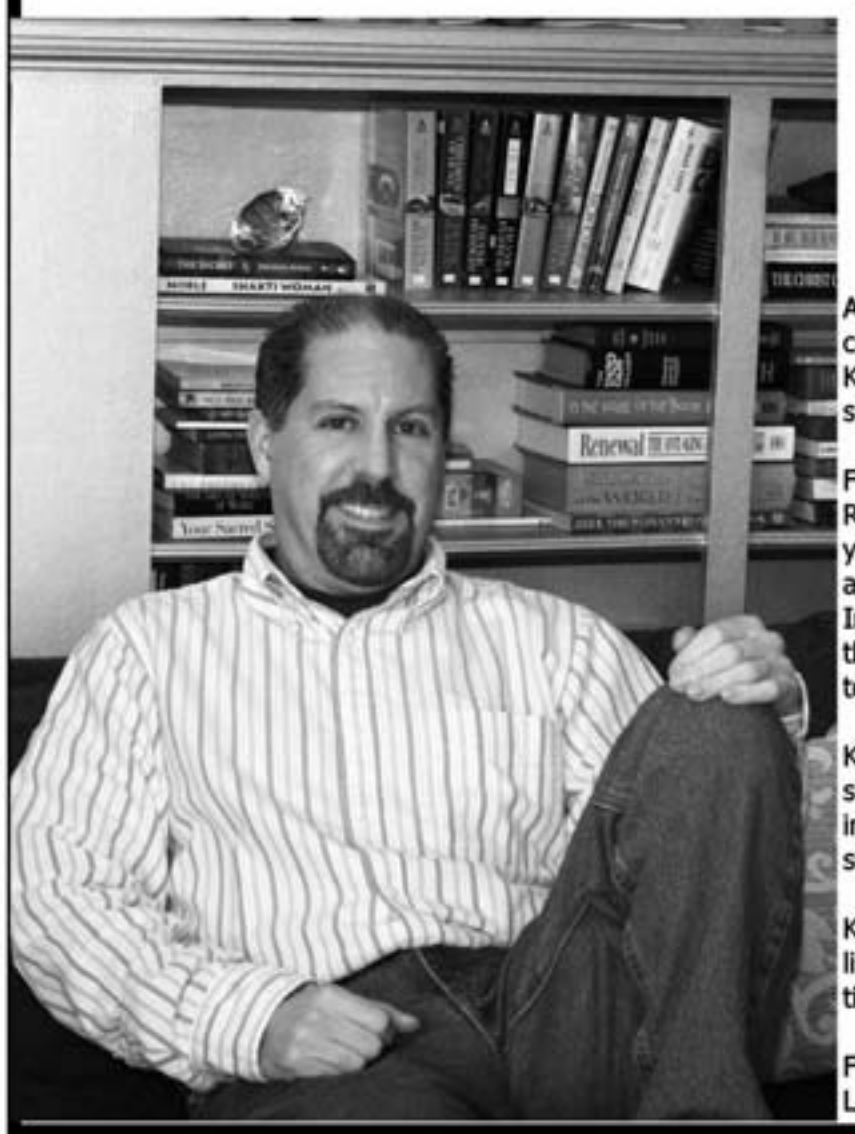

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Keith is an empath (a person that can see/sense/feel anothers energy fields) He has visions, sees spirits/entities and attempts to facilitate the teaching/discernment of these realms offering guidance in a world of shifting perceptions & consciousness states for those with the free will - "god given" senses and desire to raise their consciousness towards enlightenment.

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Coaster steals show at Wire Village Science Fair

SPENCER — Abby LaFountain's project for the seventh annual Wire Village School Science Fair took people on a ride, and all they had to do was watch.

The sixth-grader was named grand champion of the fair, held Wednesday, April 27. Her entry was titled "What are the physics of a roller coaster?"

Dozens of entries from pupils in Grades 5 and 6 filled the school gymnasium. But only 11 of them could be declared winners by the judges.

The fifth-grade entries that earned awards were:

• First place: Sarah McCarthy, "How long does it take refrigerated food to mold?"

• Second place: Jack Dalton, "Can fruit make electricity?"

• Third place: Kaylee Gallagher, "Which is stronger, a truss bridge or a beam bridge?"

• Honorable mention: Matt Kelley, "Is a cat's mouth dirtier than everyday things we touch?" and Sara Nelson, "How do erasers erase?"

The sixth-grade entries that also earned awards were:

• First place: Gabriel Coolbaugh, "How does solar power work and what will change its efficiency?"

• Second place: John Trainor, "How is sound created by a stringed instrument?"

• Third place: Tucker Girard, "What is mummification and when did it start?"

• Honorable mention: Valerie Brazeau, "If Coca-Cola can wash blood from the highways, what effect does it have on the human body?" and Kayla Randall, "What is Eosinophillic Esophagitis (E.E.)?"

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Retired Wire Village School Assistant Principal Maryanne Hammond, right, returned Wednesday, April 27 to be one of the judges for the seventh annual Science Fair. She is seen here watching as sixth-grader Alexis Fluegel operates a stopwatch as part of her project on how magnets affect the flow of water.

Grade 6 pupil Derek Shea poses with his project, which examined the effect different rotor shapes and sizes have on wind turbines.

Sixth-grader Dylan Leveillee operates the ventriloquist dummy he made from a regular dummy for the Wire Village Science Fair.

Judge and retired teacher Claire Bouchard, left, speaks with sixth-grader Jacob Tutlis, right, about his project, "How can wind turbines help the environment?" He even made his own turbine, front, which was part of the 30 hours he put into the presentation.

Judge Maryanne Hammond, right, and sixth-grader Abby LaFountain look on as her roller coaster is about to head down the track. Abby was named grand champion of the Wire Village Science Fair.

Above, Trophies and prizes sit on a table, waiting to be given out last Wednesday night. Right, The judges go over their results.

POLICE REPORTS

The arrests and offenses below were listed in each town's police department logs. People charged are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This newspaper will publish dispensations of cases at the request of the accused, with proper documentation.

EAST BROOKFIELD

April 13
1:15 p.m.: Structure fire, Adams Road. Extinguished.
11:06 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Podunk Road. Spoken to.
April 15
4:59 p.m.: Hazardous incident, Mechanic Street. Investigated.
April 17
6:39 p.m.: Suspicious activity, East Main Street. Investigated.
April 19
5:34 a.m.: Carbon monoxide alarm. Investigated.

BROOKFIELD

April 18
8:51 p.m.: Disturbance, Central Street. Report taken.
April 19
12:00 p.m.: Missing person, Oak Avenue. No action required.
April 20
7:06 p.m.: Missing person located, Post Road. Report taken.
April 23
8:27 a.m.: Vandalism, Long Hill Road. Report taken.

WEST BROOKFIELD

April 20
3:49 p.m.: Illegal dumping, Coy Hill Road. Investigated.
April 21
1:17 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Davis Road. Spoken to.
5:34 p.m.: Fire, Checkered Lane. Extinguished.
April 24
6:40 a.m.: Safety hazard, Pine Grove Road. Services rendered.
April 25
8:03 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Long Hill Road. Report taken.

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April 20
9:15 a.m.: Request for police, Paxton Road. Ex being released, concerned will stalk her?
11:58 a.m.: Burglary, Smithville Road. Items missing from residence?
1:43 p.m.: Larceny, Maple Street. Someone took Laptop that was delivered?
3:51 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, property damage, East Charlton Road. Vehicle off Road.
5:41 p.m.: Animal control, May Street. Pick up Mother Cat and 5 kittens born on deck.
6:34 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Bacon Hill Road. Party's walking around the property?
7:25 p.m.: Request for police, McCormick Road. Party requesting detox.
April 21
12:11 a.m.: Disturbance, Chestnut Street. Some type of altercation outside bar?
3:26 a.m.: Request for police, Main and Maple/Municipal Streets. Trailer Truck unit driver request officer, argument with male?
7:42 a.m.: Assault with knife, Park Street. Son assaulted at skate park?
12:03 p.m.: Request for police, Chestnut Street. Request escort to remove belongings.
3:28 p.m.: Burglary, Borkum Road. House broken into.
5:06 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, property damage, Charlton and East Charlton Roads. Rear ended by vehicle at intersection.
5:15 p.m.: Animal control, Browning Pond Road. Foxes living in back yard.
5:24 p.m.: DPW Call out, Treadwell Drive. Tree took electric wire down, in Road, power out.
6:39 p.m.: 911 Abandoned call, Lyford Road. Answering machine on call back?
6:49 p.m.: Juvenile matter, Valley Street. Ex not answering phone for visitation?
8:06 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main and Ash Streets. Vehicle Vs Motorcycle with personal injury.
9:18 p.m.: Animal control, Smithville Road. Saw bear in area of Zukas Farm.
9:48 p.m.: Disturbance, neighbors, Pleasant Street. Party's loud, stomping.
10:40 p.m.: Intelligence – Drugs, Church Street. Re: Neighbor?
11:22 p.m.: Juvenile matter, Chestnut Street. Hasn't seen 16 year old since 3:30 p.m.
April 22
9:42 a.m.: Property check request, Main Street. Request checks of lot especially at night re: scrap thefts?
9:55 a.m.: Door to Door Sales, West Main Street. Silver and Bronz Dodge picking up scrapping metal?
10:35 a.m.: Animal control, Treadwell Terrace. Had bear on deck last night, trashed feeder?
10:42 a.m.: Disturbance, West Main street. Dispute with Boss?
12:01 p.m.: Animal control, Bellevue Drive. Mother bear with 2 cubs in yard last night.
3:51 p.m.: Request for police, West Main Street. Questions re entering apartment?'
5:43 p.m.: Motor vehicle complaint, R Jones Road. Would like bus driver spoken to?
6:30 p.m.: Weapons, improper target practice. Shore Drive. Have heard 6-8 gunshots?
7:49 p.m.: Vandalism, destruction/damage property, West Main and Big Y Plaza. Motor vehicle dinged while shopping?
April 23
4:08 p.m.: Motor vehicle accident, Main Street. Property damage, in parking lot.
6:58 p.m.: Police, Smithville Road. Wants to get car back?
8:27 p.m.: Disturbance, neighbors, Pleasant Street. Blue house next door playing loud music.
10:09 p.m.: Fire, residential, Elm Street. Flames coming from beneath stove?
April 24
1:56 p.m.: Animal control, Howe Road. Very large orange/black snake?
3:24 p.m.: 911 Call, West Main Street. Chimney fire in East Brookfield.
8:13 p.m.: Fireworks complaint, Pleasant Street. Kids lighting fireworks.
8:31 p.m.: Vandalism, destruction/damage property. Cranberry Meadow Road. Party threw object, shattered windshield.
8:45 p.m.: Request for police, High Street. Heard gunshots?
8:54 p.m.: Domestic, Wilson Avenue. Arguing with girlfriend, Re: washing dishes.
8:10 p.m.: Suspicious activity, Chestnut Street. Neighbor watching every move.
April 25

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April 24
Paul N. Lincoln, 26, 50 Gilbert Street, North Brookfield, was arrested on Sunday, April 24 and charged with Operating under influence of liquor.

WEST BROOKFIELD ARRESTS

April 21
Paul Demers, 61, 16 Eagle, Ware. Fugitive from justice on court warrant.
David Dodson, 11 Atwater Place, West Brookfield. Domestic assault and battery.

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April 22
Scott Anderson, 28 Maple Street. Spencer. Warrant.
Shayne J. Beardsley, 29, 42 Chore Drive, Oakham. Warrant.
April 25
Juvenile, 12. Chins Status Offense.
April 26
Christopher P. Warner, 32, 119 Ash Street, Spencer. Disorderly person, disturbing the peace.
April 27
Gregory J. Golden, 40, 53 Cherry Street, Spencer. Warrant

Monthly newsletter seeks help from local residents

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tion since the beginning, he said, providing about 20 percent of operating costs. The Brookfield Community Club provides another 20 percent, and advertising accounts for roughly 50 percent.

Peirce said he is grateful for the financial assistance the foundation provided in the past, sometimes allocating nearly $2,000 toward the publication.

However, he explained, "when the economy got bad, it declined. They had to make decisions about who got the money … the first year wasn't too bad, but this year it got kind of tight."

Peirce said he touched base with the foundation and suggested the Citizen reapply for a lesser amount, possibly $1,000. According to Pierce, it costs about $600 to $700 a month to produce the Citizen and get it out into the mail. That comes to about $9,000 a year because there are fees associated with the post office and the box as well.

One of the local churches a printing machine, and the Brookfield Citizen pays about $300 per month to do the printing — cheaper than other places in the area that can be as much as $800 a month.

The cost of advertising in the publication is low, as the volunteers for the Citizen want it to be a tool for the business community so they can get a good rate.

"People want to read about the good news and we tried to hold to that," he said. "Donations come in sporadically."

If everybody who receives the Citizen were to make a donation of about $7 a year, it would pay for itself.

The Brookfield Citizen doesn't charge the nonprofits, generally speaking, because staff members understand that most of them are probably struggling, too, and so it's a good chance for them to get some advertising.

The Brookfield Citizen is published monthly with news articles, upcoming events and feature stories written by, about and for the people of Brookfield. It is published by A.P.P.L.E. Seed, Inc.: Average People Promoting a Loving Environment. The Citizen is funded in part by advertisements and the Brookfield Community Club. As its website states, one of the main goals is to provide "Community Identity Through Communication."

Staff members are also attempting to get Brookfield residents more involved in the newsletter, whether it be through financial contribution or volunteering to attend a folding party. Donations can be sent to the Brookfield Citizen, P.O. Box 411, Brookfield, MA 01506. People have the option of donating anonymously or using one's name on the donation form.

Suggestions and ideas from the community are welcome. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Peirce at (508) 867-9553 or any of the other members of A.P.P.L.E. Seed, Inc.: Kermit Eaton, Linda Peirce, Ron Couture, Sarah Heller and Rudy Heller.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gobi joins national nuclear discussion

BOSTON — State Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) announced her appointment to the National Conference of State Legislatures' workgroup tasked with sharing information and shaping state and federal nuclear energy policy.

The NCSL's Nuclear Legislative Workgroup will provide legislators with an opportunity to obtain up-to-date research, work with federal agencies and shape policy as it pertains to radioactive waste management and transportation.

"How we manage nuclear energy is not only an important issue, but one where the public has an especially heightened interest due to the recent events in Japan," said Gobi. "Of course, it is just as important that we responsibly dispose of any waste and byproducts from these facilities."

As the Massachusetts House of Representatives appointment to the workgroup, Gobi will have the opportunity to collect information from across the country and direct it back to officials in Massachusetts.

"There are states that have an economic interest on being more reliant on fossil fuels," said Gobi. "I am eager to learn more about the policies other states have in place."

Gobi was appointed to the workgroup by Massachusetts House Speaker Bob Deleo, just weeks after Deleo appointed Gobi as House Chairman for the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. This appointment comes on the heels of an April 6th oversight hearing on nuclear energy and waste, which Gobi led.

"People are definitely concerned," said Gobi. "We all want to make sure nuclear energy is safe, and that existing facilities are operating responsibly. My hope is that by participating in this group we can improve upon our nuclear energy system here in Massachusetts."

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SPENCER — Robbie VanDyke, 14, of Spencer, a member of Boy Scout Troop 116, makes sure all of the dirt is removed from a vehicle that stopped by the troop's car wash Saturday, April 9 at the Spencer fire station. It raised money so troop members can attend a weeklong Boy Scout summer camp in July in Ashford, Conn.

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6TH WORCESTER DISTRICT CANDIDATES COMPARED

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

Over the past two weeks, the four candidates for the 6th Worcester state representative's seat — incumbent Democrat Geraldo Alicea, Republican Peter Durant, and independents Peter Boria and Robert Cirba —have shared their views on a wide range of issues at various public events.

Since this newspaper is presenting their views in some depth with individual profiles elsewhere in this edition, we present a summary chart featuring quotes and some paraphrases that covers some of the key issues, as presented at two of those events: the Overlook forum April 26 (Alicea could not attend this because of Legislative voting in Boston) and the "Eye on Southbridge" forum Sunday, May 1.

Both were videotaped for local cable access and should be available in each of the district's five towns — Southbridge, Charlton, Spencer, Oxford and East Brookfield. A third forum, at Charlton Library this Monday, conflicted with this newspaper's deadline.

WHO THEY ARE, WHY THEY'RE RUNNING

• Alicea: With six years as representative, he is essentially running on his record. He argues he has worked for economic development, schools, public safety, veterans and other issues in the last four years, and frequently repeats the his contention that the district "is finally getting it's fair share" with his efforts "making [it] a better place."

• Boria: With seven years as Charlton selectman, he's "running to give you another choice." He depicts his governing style as "less is more, and I will work to reduce the size of government."

• Cirba: "If somebody really felt there was a strong candidate there [in November], we wouldn't even be here tonight." A first-year school committee member in Spencer, he is running for "a number of reasons" and alleges the campaign so far has been "disingenuous to the voters."

• Durant: With five years as Spencer selectman, he claims he wants to "get government out of the way of business" and objects to "the business-as-usual climate of a new legislative session."

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• Alicea: "Some people may have been abusing

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OBITUARIES

Donald L. Dame, 60

WEST SBROOKFIELD — Donald L. Dame, 60, died peacefully on Sunday, April 24, 2011 surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves two daughters, Dianna Lussier and her husband Daniel of West Brookfield and Kristy Dame of Marlborough; one brother, Roger Dame of West Brookfield; his twin granddaughters, Alyssa and Bryann Lussier and many close friends.

He was born in Ware, son of the late William and Connie (Bouchie) Dame and lived most of his life in West Brookfield.

Mr. Dame worked as an extruder operator at Quirk Wire in West Brookfield for over 30 years.

He enjoyed boating and riding motorcycles.

A funeral service for Donald was held Thursday, April 28, in the Varnum Funeral Home, Inc., 43 East Main St., West Brookfield.

Memorial donations may be made to the D Amour Center, Baystate Regional Cancer Program, 3350 Main St., Springfield, MA 01199 or to the West Brookfield Rescue Squad, Inc., P. O. Box 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.

George A. Tucker

NORTH BROOKFIELD — George A. Tucker, 74, died Sunday, April 24, 2011 in Mary Lane Hospital.

His wife of 51 years, Elinor E. (Reed) Tucker, died in August 2008.

He leaves two sons, Kevin of Westboro and Steven and his wife Darlene of Hopkinton; four sisters, Mabel Buzzell and Catherine Strandberg, both of North Brookfield, Margaret Steiger of Spencer and Rose Monson of Minnesota.

George was born in Ware, the son of Joseph W. & Margaret A. (Pierce) Tucker and was raised in North Brookfield. Later George lived in Hopkinton for 20 years before returning to North Brookfield.

He worked as an accounting manager for Ludlow Corporation in Needham and Kanzaki Specialty Paper in Ware for many years until he retired.

George loved his land in North Brookfield, spending time with his family, the outdoors and his two cats.

His funeral was held Friday, April 29 in the Pillsbury Funeral Home, 44 Gilbert St., North Brookfield. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

Donations may be made in his memory to the North Brookfield Rescue Squad, PO Box 73, N. Brookfield, MA 01535 or to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, PO Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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Rita O. Margadonna, 91

LEICESTER — Rita O. (Lusignan) Margadonna, 91, of 51 Grove St., died Friday, April 29, 2011 in Radius Healthcare of Worcester.

Her husband, Francis C. Margadonna died in 2001.

She leaves two sons, Alfred R. Margadonna and his wife Nancy of Dyre, Tenn, and Leonard "Lucky" G. Margadonna and his wife Cindy of Leicester; three grandchildren, Lorne, Lee and Jessica Margadonna; a great-grandson, Jake Margadonna; several step-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Margadonna was born in Worcester, daughter of Henry and Merilda (Bouthillette) Lusignan.

She was the Cafeteria Manager at the Leicester Primary School for 23 years retiring in 1983.

She was a member of St. Pius X Church, Red Hat Society of Leicester, Senior Citizen Club of Leicester and the Friends of the Elders in Leicester.

She was once a volunteer for F.I.S.H. driving meals to the elderly.

She once used to translate books into brail for the sight impaired.

Rita's funeral was held Wednesday, May 4 from Morrison-Morin Funeral Home, 1131 Main St., Leicester followed by a Mass in St. Pius X Church, 1153 Main St., Leicester. Burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02427.

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Richard E. Brooks, 60

HOLDEN and RUTLAND – Richard "Dick" E. Brooks, 60, of 15 Kyle Hunter Circle, Rutland, formerly of Holden, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, April 25, 2011 in UMass Memorial Healthcare-Memorial Campus, Worcester.

He leaves his wife of 35 years, Carla A. (Hackett) Brooks; five daughters, Anna C. Harvey and her husband Jesse of Rochdale/Leicester, Alissa J. Case and her husband Jeff of Paxton, Arianne H. Brooks of Schenectady, N.Y. and Aislinn M. Brooks and Abby G. Brooks, both of Paxton; his father, William S. Brooks of Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.; a brother, William "Bud" Brooks and his wife Caroline of West Boylston; four grandchildren, Gabrielle, Haley, Emma and Eva and nieces and nephews.

Dick was born in Holden, son of the late Genevieve M. (Counts) Brooks and William S. Brooks, and lived in Holden before moving to Rutland just a year ago.

He was a graduate of Cushing Academy in Ashburnham and received a B.A. in Communications from UMass-Amherst.

He was currently a manager at Stone & Berg in Worcester. For years Dick owned and operated the Montgomery Ward Store in Holden, and in line with his entrepreneurial spirit, has more recently had a successful eBay business.

Dick had a great love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and regularly attended church at Heritage Bible Chapel.

A memorial service was held Thursday, April 28 in the Heritage Bible Chapel, 182 Brooks Station Road, Princeton. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Princeton.

The family requests donations may be made to the Heritage Bible Chapel, P.O. Box 1096, Princeton, MA 01541

The Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St. (Route 122A), Holden, directed the arrangements.

To offer a condolence or share a memory, visit www.milesfuneralhome.com.

Martha Durell Anderberg, 61

NEWFANE, Vt. — Martha Anderberg, 61 of Newfane, died April 20, 2011 in her home after a long battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by her family at the time of her passing.

Martha grew up in East Brookfield, Mass., and was the daughter of the late Alfred and Virginia Durell.

She was a graduate of Boston University where she received her CDA and later graduated from Greenfield Community College where she received her nursing degree. After receiving her degree, she worked for many years at the Brattleboro Retreat.

Martha treasured her family, friends and time on Lake Lashaway where she grew up.

She was an avid reader, kayaker and horticulturist. Her love of animals got her involved with several animal humane organizations.

Martha is survived by her husband, Larry Anderberg of Newfane; her daughter, Jesse Anderberg of Brattleboro; her son, Andrew Anderberg of Boston, Mass.; her brothers, Stephen Durell of East Brookfield, Michael Durell of Sharpsburg, Ga. and David Durell of West Brookfield, and three nieces and three nephews.

Martha will be laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery in Spencer, Mass., at a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be made to the American Breast Cancer Society or World Wildlife Fund.

Reginald B. Jarvis, 63

WARREN — Reginald B. Jarvis, 63, died Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He leaves three sons, Reginald B. Jarvis, Jr. and his wife Kimberly of Warren with whom he lived, and Ricky Jarvis and Robert Jarvis, both of Peachtree, Ga.; one daughter, Renee Jarvis of Peachtree; two brothers, Randy Horster of Springhill, Fla. and Michael "Mickey" Horster of Springfield; one sister, Donna of Springfield; two former wives, Paula-Jo Jarvis and Annette Hawrysiak; 11 grandchildren, including Rachel, Robin and Ryan Jarvis and four great-grandchildren, including Trysten Thor.

He was born in Saranac Lake, N.Y. and lived in Georgia and Florida before moving to Warren 5 years ago.

Mr. Jarvis worked for many years as a supervisor for a photo finishing company before retiring.

He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

He enjoyed traveling, playing card, watching sports, his football team the Raiders and movie trivia.

His granddaughter wrote to him:

"Always knew that one day we would have to say goodbye

that you would no longer be here by our side

But no one knew how fast that would come.

"We know you're no longer in pain

But it hurts just the same.

"Even though everyone says

It's gonna be OK that doesn't make it go away.

"You were loved more than you know by us

Though you spent a lot of the time in and out of hospitals.

"We will remember all the laughs and good times we all shared.

"We will miss you and keep you with us everywhere we go, so, goodbye Gramps."

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Kara Lowkes photo

PICTURES OF SNOWMEN

SPENCER — In February, when there was still plenty of snow on the ground, David Prouty High School held a snowman making contest for students. The winners were Tyler Dolan, Courtney Hider and Seth Baron and their tropical-themed creation.

THURSDAY
May 5

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The 75th ANNIVERSARY of VFW Post 3439 will be held Saturday, May 14. The deadline to make your reservation is May 5. Cocktails will be served at the VFW Post 3439, 11 Maple St., North Brookfield. Dinner and Ceremony will start at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 41, 163 North Main St., North Brookfield. (The A. L. Post 41 is less than 1/8 of a mile from VFW Post 3439.) The cost for the prime rib dinner is $20 per person. For tickets, please call Commander Chad Cheras at 508-930-8757 or Jr. Vice Commander Jon Eccleston at 508-867-8102.

FRIDAY
May 6

AUBURN — Friday Night CRUISIN begins Friday, May 6 at the Auburn-Webster Elks, 754 Southbridge St., Route 12, Auburn and continues every Friday evening. All years, makes, models are welcome. There will be food, beverages and weekly awards. All gate donations benefit our scholarship fund. For more information, contact John at jprods@charter.net or call 508-752-3992.

BROOKFIELD — Rehabilitative Resources, Inc. (RRI), one of Central Massachusetts' leading providers of services for people living with developmental disabilities, will host a LASAGNA DINNER from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Brookfield Congregational Church, 8 Common St., Brookfield. The dinner will include homemade lasagna, tossed salad, bread, beverage and dessert for a donation of $10 ($8 for seniors 60 and over, $5 for kids 12 and under). The dinner starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m. Family takeout meals will also be available for $30. Dinners will serve a minimum of four people and must be reserved in advance. Proceeds from the event will support the Elm Hill Center. Tickets will be available at the door or can be reserved in advance by contacting Laurie Reynolds at 508-347-8181 ext. 120 or at lreynolds@rehabresourcesinc.com.

SATURDAY
May 7

NEW BRAINTREE — Hey, Kids (4 to 15 years old), grab your pole, fishing gear and meet us at Walker's Pond in New Braintree on Saturday, May 7, 2011 for the free YOUTH FISHING DERBY. It begins at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 11:30 a.m. From New Braintree Center, head west on Wine Road for about 1 1/2 miles. We'll be on the left side. There will be prizes, free hotdogs, chips and soda. Sponsored by the North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club. No information is necessary, just be there ready to fish.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — There will be a MAY FESTIVAL of local food, farms and gardens, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Haston Free Public Library in North Brookfield. Local farmers, nurseries, horticulturalists, food crafters, grocers, restaurateurs and others will sell their products and share information about their services, both inside and outside the library and on the Congregational Church lawn. Local musicians will play live music and door prizes will be awarded at the end of the day. Find the perfect Mother's Day gifts and much more. Bring the whole family and celebrate spring.

This family-oriented festival also offers activities for children. There will be seed-planting and pot-painting for kids in the Children's Craft Room, and animals from local farms on display outside.

A compost demonstration will show visitors how to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into garden gold. And a Free Plant Swap, sponsored by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, allows gardeners to share their plants and perennials and find new plants for their gardens. Representatives from open space preservation groups and other organizations who support local farms will also be available to answer questions and share information.

For more information call the library at 508-867-0208.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — There will be a free PLANT SWAP (sponsored by the North Brookfield Cultural Council) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the May Festival of the Haston Free Public Library, 161 North Main St., North Brookfield. Everyone is welcome to participate, with or without plants to donate. All plants are free! Bring labeled plants and seedlings to the library between 9 and 10 a.m. and stay to enjoy the May Festival. For more information call Harbour at 508-867-5028.

WARREN — Cross Roads Café will feature SPIRITN3D at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Emmanuel Church, 25 Winthrop Terrace, Warren. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome. There is no cover charge; however, a love offering is accepted as a gift to the Band or Musician as thanks to God for their sharing of their talent and gift for the glory of God. SpiritN3D is a Contemporary Christian Rock Band whose music is a blend of Contemporary Christian Rock with a driving beat and high-energy lead guitar solos. The musical performances are very lively and uplifting and are guaranteed to inspire audiences to sing along in worship and praise. For more information, call 413-436-5582. (www.emmanuelorhodox.org)

SPENCER — There will be an OPEN HOUSE from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at Worcester County 4-H Center Camp Marshall, 92 McCormick Road, Spencer. There will be a SPAGHETTI DINNER on May 13. For more information, call 508-885-4891 or visit Camp Director Jeanne Cassavant at Jeanne@campmarshall.org. (www.campmarshall.org)

OAKHAM – The Julianne Caron Memorial GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday, May 14, at Quail Hollow Golf and Country Club. The cost is $75 per person and includes golf, cart and dinner. 4 person teams. Please register your team by May 7. Call Mike Borelli at 508-561-4698 or by email: at mikeborelli@verizon.net. Registration at 8 a.m.; shotgun start at 9 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Julianne Caron Memorial Scholarship Fund.

SPENCER — The Spencer Methodist Church, 161 Main St., Spencer will hold a Mother's Day YARD SALE on the front lawn from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. In addition to yard sale items, there will be a room full of special gifts for Mother's Day. The sale will be held rain or shine.

TUESDAY
May 10

SPENCER – The Spencer Garden Club will hold a PLANT AUCTION at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 in the South Spencer Community Center. The hostesses are Marguerite Sweet, Martha Brunelle and Millie Smith.

SPENCER — The David Prouty High School Student Council is sponsoring the annual MR. AND MS. PANTHER at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is $3 per person. The public is invited.

WEDNESDAY
May 11

LEICESTER — The Leicester Public Library will be hosting WILD TALES, a preschool age program by Mass. Audubon, at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, May 11. Hear a much-loved children's story and then meet a "character" straight from the book. Learn about where they live, what they eat, where they sleep and the friends they keep. Space is limited, so registration is required. Call the library at 508-892-7020, or sign up in the children's room. This program is funded by a Together We Can Family Network grant and The Friends of the Leicester Public Library. Together We Can Family Network is a grant funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care and administered by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts-Boroughs Branch.

WEST BROOKFIELD — The First Congregational Church of W. Brookfield, 36 N. Main St., West Brookfield, will host a SIMPLE SUPPER on Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. The menu will feature beef stew, chili and mulligatawny soup, (Indian soup of chicken and rice), salad, bread, beverage and dessert. A donation of $3 for children and $5 for adults is request and will benefit Church World Service. Afterwards, Bert Marshall from Church World Service will give a presentation. Call the church at 508-867-7078 for more information.

FRIDAY
May 13

SPENCER – The public is invited to a WHIST PARTY and PENNY SALE at the Spencer Congregational Church on Friday, May 13. A $3 donation is appreciated. Public invited.

SATURDAY
May 14

NOTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club will be holding its annual "BAR-B-QUE" at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Club at 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield. Tickets are $10 each and 1/2 price for kids under 12 years old. Stop by at Howe Lumber in East Brookfield and see Larry Underwood for tickets.

STURBRIDGE — The Hayloft Steppers SQUARE DANCE Club, 232 Podunk Road, Sturbridge, is holding a Special A-1 dance from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15. The caller is Bob Butler. Admission is $7 per person. For information on our next beginner class, call Moe at (508) 867-8036.

WEDNESDAY
May 18

LEICESTER — The Leicester Public Library will be hosting WILD TALES, a preschool age program by Mass. Audubon, at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, May 18. Hear a much-loved children's story and then meet a "character" straight from the book. Learn about where they live, what they eat, where they sleep and the friends they keep. Space is limited, so registration is required. Call the library at 508-892-7020, or sign up in the children's room. This program is funded by a Together We Can Family Network grant and The Friends of the Leicester Public Library. Together We Can Family Network is a grant funded by the MA Department of Early Education and Care and administered by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts-Boroughs Branch.

ONGOING
Mondays

WEST BROOKFIELD — The TODDLER PLAY GROUP (birth to 3 years old) meets every Monday from 10 - 11 a.m. in the Children's Room at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library in West Brookfield. The first half hour will be free play. During the second half hour, the librarian will lead the group with songs, finger plays and stories. Just drop in. No registration is necessary. For more information, call the library at (508) 867-1410.

Tuesdays

SPENCER – The Council on Aging, 40 Wall St. will hold a free WELLNESS CLINIC, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, visit www.vnacarenetwork.org or call 888-663-3688, ext. 5603.

Wednesdays

RUTLAND — SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES are held every Wednesday from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Rutland Community Center, Glenwood Road, Rutland. Enjoy an hour of fun and exercise to music to help stay strong, fit, healthy and independent. Classes are co-ed and all are welcome. The fee is $4 per class. For more information, call Joyce Gamache at (508) 754-2821.

WEST BROOKFIELD — STORY HOUR for children 3-6 years old will be held from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Merriam-Gilbert Public Library in West Brookfield. The group meets every Wednesday and explores different themes through stories, songs and an engaging craft. Weekly attendance is strongly encouraged, so the children get to know each other and become familiar with the program's routine. (Children have to be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2010.) Group size is limited to 12 children. For more information, call the library at (508) 867-1410.

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The North Brookfield Sportsmen's Club, 20 Boynton Road, North Brookfield, will hold its weekly Wednesday evening TRAP SHOOTING at 7 p.m. Ammo is available. Open to the public.

Thursdays

SPENCER — BINGO at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer every Thursday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. The first game starts at 6:45 p.m. Come and enjoy some good food, good people and hopefully win a little.

NEWSPAPERS
THE MOST CURRENT TEXTBOOK AVAILABLE

One giant leap for Bay Path

DONATION HELPS HIGH SCHOOL MAKE HUGE TECH PURCHASE

BY ADAM T. SILVA
STONEBRIDGE PRESS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — The machine shop trade at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has been given the opportunity to be leaps and bounds ahead of their peers thanks to United Lens.

In December, United Lens donated $100,000 to the machine shop trade in order for them to purchase a state-of-the-art machine that very few schools in the country have.

"The Flowjet, which is a water abrasive cutting machine, will cut anything you put under it," said Tate Ostiguy, Machine Technology Instructor and Robotics Advisor at Bay Path. "It will cut through steel a foot thick. It is the latest and greatest in technology. Obviously, we could never afford that, but this donation is going to bring us to the next level that most schools could never do."

The main point Ostiguy is trying to bring across to companies they could potentially buy from is that the scenario is win-win for everyone involved.

"We're negotiating prices with a couple of different companies, but I'm trying to work with one particular manufacturer of these machines who is on television and has connections," he said. "My approach to them is 'We've got a company that believes in technical schools and wants us to get to the next level. You, the manufacturer, need me just as much as I need you.' Lets face it. We have 15-year-old kids that are going to be using your equipment. When they get out into the real world, guess what they are going to buy and know?"

CUTLINE: Adam T. Silva photo

Bay Path Vocational Machine Shop students Matt Hurton, of Webster, left, and Ryan Murphy, of Auburn, both freshmen, work together on a machining center program. In December, the shop received a $100,000 donation from United Lens for which they will buy a state-of-the-art water abrasive cutting machine that few schools have.

Ostiguy, who has been at Bay Path since 1997, noted that the school was in the process of building a strong relationship with United Lens when he arrived. They were sending students there for their co-op and having members from the business on the advisory committees for their trades.

"They became deeply involved with our robotics program where they had some of their people come in to work with some of our students at night," said Ostiguy. "The bond just grew over time. [United Lens President] Al DiGregorio was a very generous man who came out of a vocational setting and very much believed in vocational schools. He had a belief of putting in your time, learning a trade and growing within a company. I really think that helped our bond. He unfortunately passed away last year but there was still talk about helping out this program on a financial level."

Current United Lens President Bill Lannen came by the shop this past fall and Ostiguy asked him where he saw the program going and what the future of the business was going to be like.

From this meeting, it was discovered that money was earmarked for the program and in December, the trade received a check for $100,000.

Lannen said that he wanted Bay Path to be one of the leading programs in the state. According to Ostiguy, the school and Lannen had different ideas as to which direction they should go, but eventually met in the middle, with both sides pleased.

"United Lens and the DiGregorio family have always been friends of Bay Path," said Bay Path Superintendent David Papagni proudly. "I first met them in 1995 when we started the robotics program through our advisory committee. They have always been very, very supportive of the school and our machine program. To receive this money to purchase this new equipment just shows their interest not only in the school, but also in the community and the machine industry. They believe in what we do and it's great to have a partner like them. We've always had a great relationship with them."

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ronald R. Loader and Cheryle L. Loader to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated November 30, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42154, Page 127 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 03:00 PM on May 13, 2011 at 67 Grove Street, Spencer, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

That tract with the buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Grove Street in Spencer, Massachusetts bounded easterly 4 rods 10 1/2 feet on said street, southerly 10 rods on land formerly of Charles N. Prouty, westerly 4 rods 10 1/2 feet by land formerly of John Maher and northerly 10 rods by land formerly of Bernard Eagan.

For mortgagors' title, see deed recorded in Book 39715, Page 265.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS ($5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE**. Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
Orlans Moran PLLC
P.O. Box 962169
Boston, MA 02196
Phone: (617) 502-4100

April 22, 2011
April 29, 2011
May 6, 2011

Town of West Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, Conference Room, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Michael Neely, Jr. and Tiara Wilmot for the property located at 43 Madden Road, West Brookfield, to add an addition to the current pre-existing non-conforming structure in the Rural Residential District. A Special Permit is required under section 1.52 Non-conforming Structures §a. (et al). The public is invited to attend.

Joan Veinot, Clerk

April 29, 2011
May 6, 2011

Town of West Brookfield
Zoning Board of Appeals

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, Conference Room, to act on an application for a Special Permit for Gary Brisbois for the property located at 78 Lake View Avenue, West Brookfield, enlarge the front of the existing dwelling and to change existing roof line of the pre-existing non-conforming structure and property located in the Neighborhood District. A Special Permit is required under section -1.5 Nonconformity, §1.52 (a) Nonconforming Structures et al. The public is invited to attend.

Joan Veinot, Clerk

April 29, 2011
May 6, 2011

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO11P1349EA

In the Estate of: Stanley Hubacz
Late of: North Brookfield, MA 01535
Date of Death: 03/23/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Jane Donovan of Sutton, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **05/17/2011.**

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, Hon. Denise L. Meagher, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 22, 2011

Stephen G. Abraham
Register of Probate

May 6, 2011

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Worcester, ss. SUPERIOR COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
CIVIL ACTION
No. 11-0759B

To
Jean R. Lamoureux of Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED: Spencer Savings Bank, a banking institution with a usual place of business in Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated on Pond Street, numbered 3 and 5 on said street, in said Spencer, Massachusetts given by Jean R. Lamoureux to Spencer Savings Bank dated January 11, 2006 recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 38219, Page 47, has filed with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Worcester in said County on or before the sixth day of June next or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, Barbara J. Rouse, Esquire, Administrative Justice of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of April 2011.

Dennis P. McManus, Clerk

May 6, 2011

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
(SEAL) Case No.: 10 MISC 442737

To: Karen Macintosh
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: Emigrant Mortgage Company, Inc. claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Spencer numbered 10 Grove Street given by Karen Macintosh and John V. Macintosh, Jr., to Emigrant Mortgage Company, Inc., dated October 4, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42355, Page 369 and now held by Plaintiff; has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 30th day of May, 2011 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on this 22nd day of April, 2011.

Attest:

DEBORAH J. PATTERSON
Recorder

(5511161)(Macintosh)(05-06-11)(269812)
May 6, 2011

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edward H. Miner Jr. and Sharon E. Miner to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 7, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35861, Page 179, of which mortgage BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 2011, on the mortgaged premises located at 132 Ash Street, Spencer, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with all buildings and structures thereon, situated at Lot # 8, Ash Street, Spencer, County of Worcester, Massachusetts, owned by James D. McGrath, dated April 20, 1972, Theodore P. Drazek, R.L.S. North Brookfield, Mass., and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 363, Plan 106, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Ash Street, which point is the most southeasterly corner of the lot herein described and the most northerly corner of Lot #7 as shown on said Plan;

Thence South 69° 08' 34" West 231.03 feet along Lot #7 to a point at other land of McGrath;

Thence North 20° 29' 24" West 173.87 feet to a point;

Thence North 75° 35' 13" East 162.84 feet to a point;

Thence North 67° 01' 12" East 24.18 feet to a point in the westerly line of Ash Street;

Thence South 46° 27' 32" East 59.29 feet along the westerly line of Ash Street to a point;

Thence Southerly along a curve to the right, the radius of which is 193.56 feet, 91.21 feet along the westerly line of Ash Street to a point;

Thence South 19° 27' 00" East 14.73 feet along said westerly line of Ash Street to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed by Eileen McTiernan, Maureen C. Hanlon, Rosemary A. Reis, Isabelle C. Bowler, a/k/a Isbelle Bowler, and James P. Casey to Edward H. Miner, Jr., and Sharon E. Miner by deed dated October 16, 1997, and recorded in Book 19261, Page 296.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19261, Page 296.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
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May 6, 2011
May 13, 2011
May 20, 2011

Little League has many reasons to give thanks

BY DAVID DORE
NEW LEADER STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Jared Walsh might not have been there, but he was not far from people's thoughts at the Leicester Little League Opening Day last weekend.

In March 2010, the 12-year-old and his family found out he had leukemia. He's undergone a year's worth of treatment, Little League Board of Directors President Santo Frascolla said, and has at least a couple of years more to go.

"He's far from over," Frascolla said, "but his resilience through this is amazing."

Frascolla announced at Opening Day Saturday, April 30 that Jared is "doing well" — so well, in fact, he's on the roster of the Leicester Rod and Gun Club Junior League team. Jared and his teammates could not be there because they were playing a game in Douglas.

"Through his treatments and I guess a little bit of stubbornness Jared suited up this year," Frascolla said afterward. "He's playing on a limited basis, but he's playing."

The community joined the Little League in rallying around the Walsh family. At last year's Opening Day was a booth for the Caitlin Raymond International Registry, an international bone marrow and cord blood donor search and recruitment center.

The league also hosted a benefit for Jared in October.

"It was mobbed," Frascolla said. "It was jammed wall to wall. We exceeded all goals before we opened the doors through online donations and mail-in donations."

That sort of response, he said, "shows what this town is all about. People come out for one of their own. In a small town, people look out for each other."

GIVING THANKS

The Little League and the Leicester Girls Softball League as a whole also benefit from the generosity of the town and its residents. Frascolla and softball board member Mike Kemp credited the volunteers and sponsors for ensuring the crack of the bat is heard every year.

"It doesn't happen without the volunteers," Frascolla said. "Nothing happens without them."

They serve on the Board of Directors, coach and sponsor the teams, and improve the fields, all without asking for anything in return.

This year, Frascolla said, improvements were made to the Little League field and the parking area behind the police station. The goal for the fall, he said, is to resurface the Minor League field.

The softball league gave out its second annual Contribution Award to four people and groups: last year's winner, Fred LaFlash, for his work this year on the right field fence of the softball field; Mike Novia of Sunset Landscaping for treating and mowing the field and pulling out one of the field's fences; the Becker College Athletic Department for fixing the backstop (according to Kemp, Becker owns the field, but leases it to the league) and Marc Hurley from Hurley Fencing for doing the backstop and putting up foul poles for no charge.

FUNDS FOR A PURPOSE

Leicester Little League also held a special collection at Opening Day to buy an automated external defibrillator (AED) to use at the fields. The goal is to raise $1,200.

Frascolla said managers, many coaches and some support personnel volunteered their time to be trained in CPR and AED use.

To give to the effort, send donations to Leicester Little League, P.O. Box 393, Leicester, MA 01524.

David Dore may be reached at (508) 909-4140, or by e-mail at ddore@stonebridgepress.com.

David Dore photos

Kya Birtz, left, 7, and Charley Blair, 8, members of the Lions Club Under 8 softball team, show off the designs and numbers painted on their faces before the parade.

Accepting the Leicester Girls Softball Contribution Awards were Fred LaFlash, left, Mike Novia, second from left, Marc Hurley, second from right, and Becker College Athletic Director Frank Millerick, right.

The Leicester Little League would like to give special thanks to
Peter Daige
for 20+ years of continued service and support
Your generosity and commitment to our program has ensured
its youth members a facility to experience the great game of
Little League Baseball. Regardless of the challenges
you have never overlooked the values of a positive
little league experience.
Thank you

Grounds Manager Peter Daige shows one of the four plaques he received at the Leicester Little League Opening Day ceremony because of the support he and his businesses show for the baseball and softball programs.

Josie Burlingame throws out the first softball pitch.

The Rays baseball team passes Bean Square.

Quinn Anderson, right, 13, gets a lift from Country Bank Under 14 softball teammate Alexandria Dicentes, 14, while waiting on the town common for the parade to start.

OUR TOWNS

Relay For Life 2011 fund raisers

SOUTHBRIDGE — The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life 2011 Tri-Chairs are Ron Ravenelle, Ray Fournier and Rick Stearns. Anyone interested in participating in the Relay in any way can contact one of the Tri-Chairs. Everyone is welcome! The theme for Relay 2011 is "Relay Around the World."

Ron Ravenelle at ronrave@charter.net
Ray Fournier at Mass4nier62671@aol.com
Rick Stearns at stearnsmeats@charter.net

PERSONALIZED SCULPTURE

The Southbridge Relay For Life Dream Team wants to know if you would like to give someone a blessing. If you know of someone who is sick or living on hard times right now and could use a blessing, give them a very personalized gift that will lift their spirits and let them know that they are being thought of and prayed for. For $10 I will create for them a sculpture that I make from scratch, specifically for them. I will notify you with a delivery date and someone will deliver it to you for you to pass along to your loved one. Please contact Michael DiDonato at michelangeloart@yahoo.com or call Michael at 508-397-3503 for more information.

SCENTED CANDLES

The Relay For Life team Lucky Charms is selling 100 percent green tea scented pink soy candles. These candles are made by Green Thumb Florist, home of Sturbridge Candle Company, and the entire $5 purchase is being donated to Southbridge Relay For Life. For more information please call Joyce Stocks at the Sturbridge Candle Company at 413-245-6565.

FALL IN THE BERKSHIRES RAFFLE

SOUTHBRIDGE — A whole week in the Berkshires during the most beautiful time of year! You can win this special raffle, being sponsored by the Relay For Life team Fighting Irish, for a week at the Oak 'n' Spruce Resort in South Lee, from October 7 through 14. Your accommodations will include 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a full kitchen. The unit sleeps six. The Oak 'n' Spruce has two indoor pools and a miniature golf course on site. Chances for this great opportunity are $5 each/ 5 for $20. Chances are available online at peetap-at@charter.net or by calling Patricia at 774-230-3499.

DRAMA DEARIES RAFFLES

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Relay For Life team Drama Dearies will be raffling off two very desirable items. Here's your chance to get that genuine Celtics jacket to wear this year when they win the championship! The jacket is size extra large. Chances are $2 each or 6 for $10. The Dearies, who are primarily members of the Gateway Players in Southbridge, are also raffling off a unique quilt made from the same material used in costumes for the well-known theatrical group. The beautiful, imaginative quilt is approximately 5 feet square. Tickets are $1 each. Chances for both items will be available at the upcoming Gateway productions, Heiress with performances on 25, 26 and 27, as well as Murder's in the Heir taking the stage on May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at the Gateway Theatre on Main Street. Additional tickets will be available at Relay On the Common Fun Day in May, Southbridge Fest on June 5 and at Relay 2011 June 17 and 18 at McMahon Field. You may also call Jeanne at 508-764-8763.

SCRATCH TICKET RAFFLE

Relay For Life of the Greater Southbridge Area is currently selling raffle tickets for a "Scratch Ticket Basket." There are 60 scratch tickets in $5, $10 and $20 denominations for a total of $500 in scratch tickets. For a $5 chance the odds of winning are 1 in 500 as only 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing is scheduled to take place at Relay on Friday, June 17, 2011 or sooner if all 500 tickets are sold before. For more information on this raffle or for tickets please contact Ron Ravenelle at 508-347-3826 or ronrave@charter.net.

MAY 7: TOLL ROADS

The Relay For Life team Ribbon Rockettes will bring back their successful fund-raiser this year. Team members will be setting up "toll roads" in several locations, leading up to Relay 2011 in June.

* Charlton toll-takers will be asking for your donations on May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street at the intersection of Masonic Home Road.

* The Dudley toll road will be on May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon on Route 12 at the town line where Dudley Main Street begins.

* The final toll will be in Sturbridge on May 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hobbs Plaza on Route 20. Toll takers will be on the access road in front of Staples.

MAY 7: TALENT SHOWCASE/DINNER BENEFIT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Have you always wanted to show off your musical talent onstage? This could be your chance. Or do you just want to have a nice dinner and be entertained by others? Spotlight Dance Company is hosting a Pasta Dinner and Talent Showcase on May 7 at the Pilsudski Polish Club, Ballard Court. Team Pampered Chefs are sponsoring the event which will benefit Relay For Life. If you are interested in showcasing your talent, contact Danette at 774-230-1629 to sign up. All talents and ages are welcome, but space is limited, so don't delay. Dinner, featuring pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and desserts will be served family style beginning at 6 pm. DJ and music will follow until 11 pm. Doors open at 5 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for kids under 12 years and are available at Spotlight Dance Academy at 508-765-5252.

MAY 10: TAG SALE

BRIMFIELD — In conjunction with the Brimfield Flea Market week, the Relay For Life will be holding a tag sale from May 10, 2011 through May 15, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Green Thumb Florist (aka Sturbridge Candle) on Route 20 in Brimfield. If you have items you would like to donate for the tag sale, please call Ron Ravenelle at 508-347-3826. There will be something for everyone.

MAY 14: GOLF TOURNAMENT

WARREN — This fund-raiser, sponsored by Team Irish Steppers, is a day and evening of fun, with dinner thrown in. It's the Steppers' Day and Night Doubleheader Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, May 14 at Scottish Meadows Golf course in Warren. Participants will play nine holes in the daytime, followed by dinner. Then the real fun starts when everyone goes back out on the course to play nine more holes using glow-in-the-dark balls! The Steppers always provide a great time at a great price. Your entry fee of $80 covers 18 holes, golf cart, lighted glow-in-the-dark golf balls and a relaxing hot dog, hamburger, beans, chili and potato salad dinner! You don't need to be a pro to be a participant in this tournament! To register, contact Pat Wood at 508-208-5785 or at sdwood3469@aol.com. Non-golfers are invited to come cheer everyone on and have dinner with the crowd for only $10.

MAY 15: MOTORCYCLE RUN

CHARLTON — What better way to spend a nice Sunday? Team Hedge Hogs is sponsoring a motorcycle run on May15 at the Charlton Beagle Club at 103 Bond Road, Charlton. And not only do you get to ride, you also get a terrific roast beef dinner, all for your $15 entry fee. Can't do better than that! Gates open at 10 a.m. and the ride starts out at 11:30 a.m. Then you're back to the club at the end of the ride for dinner and live music. A 50-50 raffle will also be held. For more information, call Rick Stearns at 774-200-9596 or 508-248-7866.

MAY 17: PHOTOS NEEDED FOR SLIDESHOW.

SOUTHBRIDGE — Each year, participants in the Relay For Life reaffirm their commitment to Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back. At Relay/Southbridge, we know that there are ample opportunities to keep each of those promises. This year we hope to show everyone the faces that inspire us to continue doing all we can to support those with cancer and the research that makes recovery possible.

A slideshow is in the works and we need your help to make it a reality. For a $5 donation per dedication to Relay, we will include a picture of a survivor, caregiver, a loved one lost or even your favorite Relayer. Maybe you can collect your team members for a memorable photo? So whether it's celebrating a survivor, remembering a lost loved one, or just wishing your favorite Relayer good luck, we want to have the faces of Southbridge's own Relay for everyone to see! The slideshow will be presented at Relay following the Luminaria ceremony. We will also post it on YouTube!

So please send your pictures in jpeg format to Ali Cleveland at acleveland@verizon.net. If you have a hard copy, you can bring it to a Team Captains' meeting or email Ali to make other arrangements. We will need your pictures by May 17. This is our Relay, these are our friends and relatives; let's make this the longest and best slideshow ever!

MAY 21: GOLF TOURNAMENT

SPENCER — Team Spencer Curves for A Cure will be sponsoring a golf tournament that offers a number of fun opportunities for participants. The tournament will be held on Saturday, May 21 at the Scottish Meadow Golf Club on Little Rest Road in Warren. Entry deadline is May 14. The fun will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is $99 per person and includes golf, cart and a cookout dinner. Everyone will have a chance to take part in the putting contest, try their luck at a number of raffles and bid for some attractive items in the silent auction. Also available is a very special chance to honor someone who is battling cancer. Tee markers, which can also be used to advertise a business, are $40 each. Those who would like to join the fun, but don't golf, are welcome to come to dinner for only $39 per person. To register, call Curves Spencer at 508-885-0170, Don Alarie at 774-230-9057 or Tracy Arsenalt at 508-612-5984.

MAY 21: TAG SALE

STURBRIDGE — The Relay For Life Dream Team will be holding a tag sale and raffle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Wal-Mart in Sturbridge. It's a good chance to pick up a real bargain.

MAY 26: TRIVIA COMPETITION

SOUTHBRIDGE — Chernisky Cancer Crusaders will hold a "Not Your Run-of the Mill Trivia Competition Night" from 6 to 9 p.m. May 26 at the Southbridge Community Center (the Armory), Chestnut Street, Southbridge. Teams can be composed of 2-8 players. There is a $5 entrance fee per team member. The categories include Spelling Bee, 70's & 80's Music Lyrics, Sports, Movies, Cancer, Famous Quotes, Americans,

Origins, What Do They Have in Common and Tongue Twisters. The top 3 teams choose from our prize baskets and gift certificates, and the most important, bragging rights for next year's competition. Bring cash for a 50/50 Raffle, candies and drinks, and other stuff too. Any questions, call (508) 764-4040 and ask for Bob.

— Submitted by the Southbridge Relay For Life

David Dore photos

The hands of Kerri Boulmetis of Worcester, back, are in motion as her 20-month-old son Benjamin, right, hits sticks together to the beat

A child who attended Coro's April 11 show made sure she got a front-row seat.

Singer gets in tune at Town Hall

BROOKFIELD — Singer Renee Coro stopped by Brookfield Town Hall three Monday afternoons this month to entertain the kids, thanks to a grant from the Brookfield Cultural Council to the Brookfield Mothers Club.

Local schools set to participate in Mass. Envirothon

Students from David Prouty High School and Tantasqua Regional High School are among 250 Bay State high schoolers from nearly 40 public and private schools and youth organizations across the Commonwealth that will demonstrate their environmental knowledge when they compete in the 24th annual Massachusetts Envirothon on Thursday, May 12, at Great Brook Farm State Park in Carlisle.

"Great Brook Farm State Park was chosen at the site for this year's Massachusetts Envirothon because it's a prime example of an environmentally sound and economically viable farm can look like," said Massachusetts Envirothon Steering Committee Chair Will Snyder of the University of Massachusetts Extension.

At the outdoor field competition event, teams of five students will rotate through four "ecostations" where they answer written questions by performing hands-on activities such as soil analysis, wildlife habitat assessment, tree measurement, and identification of water insects.

Each team will also give a presentation on their research into this year's designated current environmental issue before a panel of judges that includes environmental professionals from government agencies, non-profit organizations, academia and private industry.

The 2011 Current Issue is "Wetland Protection," which teams are researching now in their own community. Teams are encouraged to explore their local wetland areas and talk with people who are responsible for protecting them. Students will become familiar with wetland science, including anticipated effects of climate change on wetland systems, and will investigate a range of possible ways that wetlands can be protected. They will assess the current state of wetland protection in their communities, and make recommendations for additional measures that should be taken.

"The students competing in the Envirothon this year are the environmental leaders of tomorrow — scientists, policymakers, teachers and innovators who will face and solve challenges relating to climate change, sea level rise, dwindling open space, and more," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Richard K. Sullivan Jr. "I am honored to take part in this annual event that inspires a new generation, and I look forward to their solutions for this year's theme, Wetland Protection."

The 1,000 acre Great Brook Farm State Park stays true to its agricultural roots. Offering barn tours, ice cream, recreational trails, educational displays and a petting zoo, Great Brook Farm shows the benefits of value-added agriculture to the community. Holstein cows have been kept here for over 60 years and current farmer Mark Duffy continues the tradition.

"The Envirothon is a great experience for students to test their knowledge of water, forest, soils, wildlife, and current environmental issues," said DCR Commissioner Ed Lambert. "These young people are the future stewards of our parks and forests, and we applaud their efforts to learn about and understand all the issues they will face."

Teams prepare for the Massachusetts Envirothon throughout the year through field study, community investigations, and workshops. Teams can earn Community Research and Community Action awards by documenting their hard work. The winning team will have the opportunity to represent Massachusetts in the Canon Envirothon, the North American competition. For more information on the Massachusetts Envirothon visit www.maenvirothon.org.

"This is a great opportunity for students to test their knowledge and skills related to water, forest, soils, wildlife, and current environmental issues, and to meet other students from across the state who are also concerned about the local environment" said Snyder.

Fifteen federal and state environmental agencies, conservation districts, non-profit organizations, higher educational institutions, and businesses provide expertise and help organize the event.

The 2011 Massachusetts Envirothon is made possible through the contributions of partnering agencies and organizations, including financial support from the U.S. Forest Service, the Environmental Business Council of New England, and area land trusts and conservation districts.

David Dore photo

TAKING THEIR TURNS AT BAT

SPENCER — From left, Tyler Kane-Gregoire, Brendan Ebol and Savannah Mattei work to grab the attention of drivers as they pass by David Prouty High School during a car wash Saturday, April 16. The car wash raised money to buy a batting cage at Knox Trail Junior High School.

OUR TOWNS

Courtesy photo

From left, Priscilla L. Berthiaume, Vice President-Business Development of Spencer Savings Bank; Sharon Legasey, President, and Nancy Perry, Treasurer, of Hearts for Heat, Spencer chapter; and K. Michael Robbins, President and CEO of Spencer Savings Bank.

Bank contributes to 'Hearts for Heat'

SPENCER — Spencer Savings Bank has made a contribution to the Spencer chapter of Hearts for Heat, a community-based charitable organization.

The $1,000 donation will specifically go toward assisting qualified Spencer residents during the cold winter months.

Hearts for Heat provides oil, electric, gas, wood or pellet heating to residents who cannot afford it on their own. The organization also hosts a number of fundraising events each year, which are necessary for the program to continue.

"We are gratified that Spencer Savings Bank supports our cause and we appreciate them helping to raise awareness about the need for heating assistance in our community," said Sharon Legasey, President of the Spencer Hearts for Heat Chapter.

Spencer Savings Bank President, K. Michael Robbins, said "It's not acceptable for anyone living in New England to live without heat during the winter. The Hearts for Heat program makes it possible for local residents to stay warm and safe in their homes. We are happy to support this worthy cause."

Courtesy photo

From left, Susan S. Rutherford, QVCDC Executive Director; K. Michael Robbins, President and CEO, and Patricia A. Ostrout, Vice President-Retail of Spencer Savings Bank.

QVCD to receive $10K from Spencer Savings Bank

SPENCER — Spencer Savings Bank donated the first half of a $10,000 two-year pledge to the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (QVCDC) for business assistance programs.

The funds from this donation will help programs such as small business development courses and business planning training.

President of Spencer Savings Bank, K. Michael Robbins, said, "We are proud of our partnership with the QVCDC because they are a great resource for the businesses in our area. Their programs help boost our local economy during tough economic times."

The QVCDC is a private non-profit corporation, acting with advice from its members and a member-based Board of Directors. The QVCDC works in partnership with the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and other regional organizations to provide a wide range of programs and services. Visit them online at http://www.qvcdc.com for more information.

Towns hold emergency preparedness exercise

NORTH BROOKFIELD — The towns of North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield and Warren conducted an Emergency Preparedness exercise on April 6, at the regions' Emergency Dispensing Site located at North Brookfield High School.

The exercise included participation from all the towns with cooperation between the following disciplines: Board of Health, Police, Fire, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medical Services. The exercise was conducted using the ICS Structure of Unified Command with a Board of Health member from each of the region towns filling a chair in the command post.

Forrest Price, Public Health Emergency Planner with the Office of Health and Medical Preparedness, Department of Public Health attended the exercise to evaluate and critique the group's efforts.

This group of dedicated volunteers has made plans to keep citizens safe if there is a serious health emergency. The goal is to prevent a large number of fatalities. In order to operate the site, volunteers from each town must be ready and willing to act quickly. Volunteers with all types of skills (medical and non-medical) are welcome to join the group. A minimal time commitment is involved. Won't you consider helping? For more information contact your local board of health office.

Camp Marshall to host open house

Courtesy photos

SPENCER — As a long winter has ended and spring approaches the school year is coming to an end. However, before you know it summertime will be right around the corner and you will think, "What is something new and exciting my kids can do this summer?"

Well, if you haven't heard about Camp Marshall then here is your chance.

On Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., we will be holding an open house for people to come and see our property and what we can offer you. This is the perfect opportunity to gives us a try before you buy! You will have a chance to talk to some of our new and returning counselors, see the property and where all of out activities take place, or ask any questions you may have to the staff member that will be with your kids this summer. With our extreme variety of day and overnight programming there is something for everyone at camp. Whether you want to spend your entire week with horses or explore the trails and outdoors in our survival skills program.

We look forward to seeing you all at our open house event!

FAT TUESDAY AT PROUTY

Left, Haley Hilton, 7, and Anna Hazelton, 8, both of East Brookfield, smile after finishing their ice cream. Right, Joey Fritze, 4, and Vanessa Sehiavone, 12, both of Spencer, enjoyed their time at Fat Tuesday.

SPENCER — The David Prouty High School Student Council sponsored its annual Fat Tuesday ice cream social last month, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Kara Lowkes photos

From left, Student Council members Tyler Dolan, Mel Sherry, Katy Martin, Krysta Ambruson, Emily Butler and Hayley Chesson served up the ice cream.

The Hot Spot

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Josh Siok Friday; Jailbreak Band Saturday

GETING IN TUNE

MARK RENBURKE

Josh Siok is a teen musician from Tantasqua Regional High School. He will be playing a collection of his original songs at the Sturbridge Coffee House, 479 Main St., (Route 20) Sturbridge, on Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

Joshua and his family of five moved to Wales in August of 1997 from Ludlow. He is currently a sophomore at Tantasqua taking college prep courses. In addition to writing songs and playing his acoustic guitar, Josh enjoys snowboarding and hanging out with friends. He also participated in the Tantasqua D.I.Y. talent last fall where the students and adults alike enjoyed his musical efforts. Josh is preparing for his first demo CD to be recorded within the next month or so, and would like you all to join him in celebrating this accomplishment by getting a taste of his work this Friday at the Coffee House.

Make the great escape to Putnam, Conn., this Saturday where you can catch the Jailbreak Band performing at Chickering Café. This relatively new band of hardened musical criminals was formed in 2010 and is already becoming one of the areas most wanted. The Jailbreak Band is Harry Pappas on lead vocals, guitar and harmonica, Robert Murawski on lead guitar and vocals, Ed DeLuca (of B&E) on bass, and Jay Huguenin on drums. No man can eat 50 eggs, so don't even try — instead just head out to Putnam and catch this Nab Four. The show starts at 9 p.m. and there is no cover charge.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

• Bill McCarthy, 8 p.m., Dunny's Tavern, 291 East Main St., East Brookfield, Mass.

• Rigagoo, 9 p.m., Lake Lashaway Inn, 308 East Main St., East Brookfield, Mass.

• Chris Reddy, 8:30 p.m., Flip Flops, 680 Main St., Holden, Mass.

• Donna Dufresne and Gypsy Romantique with the Infidel Castros, 9 p.m., Nick's Bar & Restaurant, 124 Millbury St., Worcester, Mass.

• The Eisman Hunter Band, 9 p.m., Cigarmasters, Worcester, Mass.

• Songs for Ceilidh, 8 p.m., Fiddler's Green, Worcester, Mass.

• Dave Bell's Birthday Bash w/The Goodspeed Band, 9 p.m. CrossRoads, Route 20, Palmer, Mass.

• Josh Siok, 7 p.m., Sturbridge Coffee House, Sturbridge, Mass.

• Rob Adams, 7 p.m., Ugly Duckling Loft, Sturbridge, Mass.

• Finding Reason, 8 p.m., Wales Irish Pub, Wales, Mass.

• The Reprobates, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge, Mass.

• Lisa and Brett, 8 p.m., Oxfords, Oxford, Mass.

• Billy Pilgrim, 9 p.m., The Village, Route 171, Woodstock, Conn.

• Michael Cleary Band, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., J.D. Coopers, 146 Park Road, Putnam, Conn.

• Jennie McAvoy & Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Café, Pomfret, Conn., $7

SATURDAY, MAY 7

• Rigagoo, 9 p.m., Chooch's, 31 East Brookfield Road, North Brookfield, Mass.

• Lisa, Brett, Julie, 8 p.m., Dunny's Tavern, 291 East Main St., East Brookfield, Mass.

• Charlie Johnson, 8 p.m., Granville Pub, 40 Chestnut St., Spencer, Mass.

• New Bay Colony, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., The Rose Garden, 16 Milford St., Upton, Mass., $5

• Mike Tarara, 9 p.m., Cigarmasters,

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David Prouty art students do well in competitions

SPENCER — David Prouty High School student Jackie Saunders was selected to attend the 2011 AAS to be held on May 27-28.

More than 300 high school juniors from across the state competed for one of the 140 places at the 24th festival. Art All-State brings together some of the most talented juniors from across the state for an intensive two-day art experience. The students, competitively selected, collaborate with artist/mentors to create group installations inspired by the Worcester Art Museum's collections. Eight studio groups are each lead by two professional artists, who help facilitate the students in the creative process.

For more information and details, go to www.worcesterart.org/Education/allstate.html.

Courtesy photo

David Prouty High School junior Jackie Saunders stands with the self-portrait she submitted to be part of Art All-State May 27-28 at the Worcester Art Museum.

MENTIONS AND SHOWS

Also, three Prouty students earned honorable mentions at the Mount Wachusett Community College Exhibition of High School Art. Amanda Wozniak, Jacob Ginga and Tom Dacey were each honored for work that was on show at the college in Gardner.

Other art works by Ginga, Dacey and Saunders were also included in a show titled "Terra verde, Terra munde" that opened April 15 at the Quinebaug Council for the Arts and Humanities in Southbridge.

OUR TOWNS

David Dore photo

TAKE A BOW

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Katy Schleyer, an eighth-grader at North Brookfield Junior/Senior High School, plays the violin outside school while she and a few classmates wait for violin lessons with district music teacher Robert Lesley to begin. They have been learning how to play every Tuesday afternoon since March. "I think it's fun," Katy said. "It's hard."

RRI hosts Volunteer Day

A volunteer cuts down overgrown brush on a soon-to-be refurbished tennis court at Elm Hill Center on RRI's volunteer day on April 9. Representatives from RRI, the Spencer Exchange Club, Southbridge Savings Bank and The Hope House volunteered their time to take part in spring cleaning at the Elm Hill Center.

Volunteers from RRI, the Spencer Exchange Club, Southbridge Savings Bank and The Hope House unload equipment at RRI's volunteer day at Elm Hill Center on April 9.

BROOKFIELD — Rehabilitative Resources Inc. (RRI), one of Central Massachusetts' leading providers of services for people living with developmental disabilities, held a volunteer day on April 9 at Brookfield's historic Elm Hill Center, for which RRI took over operations in 2009.

Representatives from RRI, the Spencer Exchange Club, Southbridge Savings Bank and The Hope House volunteered their time to take part in spring cleaning at Elm Hill Center.

RRI has made great strides in bringing Elm Hill back to its former splendor, when it was one of the largest working farms in the region, and home of Elsie the Cow, the iconic symbol of the Borden Company. RRI's aim for Elm Hill Center is to provide inclusive programs for all people, including those with special needs. This is done through hands-on activities, including horticulture, horsemanship and a petting zoo. Animals have proven to be highly effective in helping with the treatment for people living with developmental disabilities, particularly the stimulus that occurs when petting animals.

RRI's next volunteer day is Saturday, May 14. Contact Ed LaPointe at elapointe@rehabresourcesinc.org or (508) 347-8181, ext. 137 for information about volunteering.

Volunteers from RRI, the Spencer Exchange Club, Southbridge Savings Bank and The Hope House took part in RRI's volunteer day at Elm Hill Center on April 9.

North Brookfield Little League names field for Leach

NORTH BROOKFIELD — On Saturday, April 30 North Brookfield youth took pride in walking through town donning their baseball attire for the "We're Back IV" Parade and Opening Day Ceremony.

Smiling police escorts blocked off portions of the road, and North Brookfield Youth Baseball and Softball players, as well as parents and pets, led the way from the fire station to the North Brookfield High School ballfields.

State Rep. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) honored those involved and wished the teams good luck for an enjoyable and successful season.

Shortly after the parade reached the ballfields, the opening day ceremony and ball field dedication was under way. Mackenzie Paradis sang a sweet rendition of the national anthem, followed by a baseball poem recited by Justin Lareau. Richard LeBlanc thanked Scott and Darcy Simons for their coordination of the parade and went on to dedicate the field to Martin D. Leach Sr., a longtime North Brookfield athletics enthusiast.

Leach was the former director of North Brookfield Little League and supported the youth with his coaching and then presence year after year. His memory will live on in more ways than one, including through the new Marty Leach Baseball Fields.

M. Catherine Byszek photos

State Rep. Anne Gobi, second from left, stands with Alex Orsi, Ben Dupell and Nick Boudreau from Boy Scout Troop 257 of North Brookfield.

Several players lead the parade with their sign.

Sisters Rebekah and Brianna Quilitzsch will be playing on the American Legion Post 41 team this year.

Karen Eaton, Sara Lebel, Anna-Marie Jones, Kaley Eaton and Kyla Marcustre gather for a photo.

Players in this photo include Joey Baker, William Shedd, John Ingemi, Zee Rudzinski, Tyler Riendeau, Collin Foster, J.P. Shipman, Tyler Simons, Adam Plante, Brandon Hevy and pitcher Kyle Lareau.

Players take a moment of silence for Martin Leach Sr., for whom the playing fields were named.

Female players huddle up for a photo.

For Spencer-Brookfields, time to 'Play ball!'

David Dore photos

SPENCER — Spencer-Brookfields Little League baseball and softball teams marked Opening Day Saturday, April 30 with its annual parade from Wire Village School to John Wesley Smalls Memorial Park on Wire Village Road. The 29 pickup trucks making up the parade were accompanied by Spencer fire trucks and East Brookfield police.

The Uncle Sam's Pizza A-Ball baseball team.

Tim Josti Jr., third from right, coach of the FamilyFirst Bank AA baseball team, laughs while talking to his players before the parade.

The Dairy Queen Giants Majors baseball team.

The Leaps and Bounds Day Care T-Ball team.

Kayla Magierowski, 13, a member of the East Brookfield Heat softball team, hugs friend Jordan Huard, 9.

The Chef Sau A-Ball baseball team.

The Fancy Land Surveying Minors softball team.

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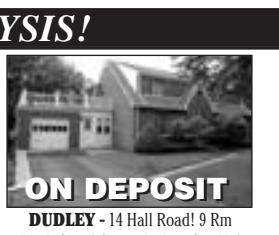

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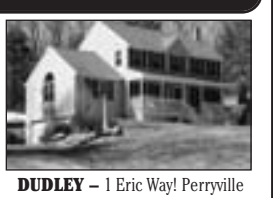

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WEBSTER – 2 Klebart Ave! "2005" 6 Rm 50' Split Entry! 13x20' Applianced Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Floor! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 14x24' Family Rm! 2Z Oil! Deck! Corner Lot! Exit 1 – 395 Easy Access! **$229,900.00**

WEBSTER – 78 Second Island Rd! Beautiful 7 Rm Ranch! Corner Lot! Cabinet Packed Kit! Din Rm! Frplc Liv Rm & 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Flrs! Rplcmnt Windows! Recent Roof! 2009 Furnace! 1 Car Garage! Move In Condition! **$199,900.00**

DUDLEY – 14 Railroad Ave! 2 Family! Ideal Owner Occupied! Bring the Extended Family! 4/4 Rms! 2/2 Bdrms! 1st w/Maple Kit! Liv Rm & Master Bdrm w/Hrdwds! C/Air!! 2nd w/Fresh Decor Kit, Liv Rm w/New Carpeting! New Master! New Bathroom! Nice Yard! **$162,900.00**

THOMPSON – 82 Brandy Hill Rd! Like New "2004" 8 Rm Ranch set on 1.79 Acres! 3/4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Super Finished Walk-out Lower Level Family & Game Rm – Man Town! 2 Car Garage! And More! **$239,900.00**

LEICESTER – Cedar Meadow Lake! 12.5 Acre Dream w/180' Waterfront! Southern Expo! Private 12 Rm 2,920' Cape! 500' Driveway! Frplcd Fam Rm! Formal Liv Rm! 1st Flr Master! 4/5Bdrms! 2 Tile Baths! Tile & Hrdwds! 2 Car Garage! & More! **$699,900.00**

WEBSTER – 8 Elaine St! 6 Rm Ranch! Fireplaced Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hardwood Floors! Kitchen w/ Wall Oven! Screened Rear Porch! Expandable Lower Level!! Garage w/Electric Opener! Corner Lot! Great Commuting Location! **$159,900.00**

WEBSTER – 126 Thompson Rd! Ideal Business - Residence Combo! 11Rm Expanded Cape! Frplcd! 1st Flr Master/Bath! 2Rm Bdrm Suite/Studio! 50X50 Steel Building w/12X50 3Rm Office Space w/1/2 Bath, 3 Doors - 6 Vehicles - Storage! 16X32 Pool! Live & Work from this Great Location! **$389,900.00**

THOMPSON – SCHOOLHOUSE POND! 6 Rm Waterfront Cape! Western Exp! Fantastic Sunsets! Applianced! Frplcd Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! 1st Flr Laundry/Office! Recent Bath, Furnace, Roof, Electrical & Insulated Doors! 2 Tier Deck! **$259,900.00**

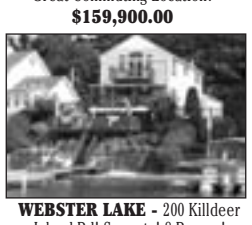
WEBSTER – 48 Lake Parkway! Immaculate 5Rm Ranch w/Hardwood Floors! 1/2 Acre! Master w/Walk-in Calif. Closet! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Wall of Built-ins! Tile Bath w/Jacuzzi & Sep Shower! Huge Country Kit! Laundry Rm! Recent Roof, Windows, Furnace, Clapboard, Trex Deck! Coi Pond! 12x19 Shed! Garage! Commuter Location! **$234,900.00**

THOMPSON – 225 Wagher Road! 6 Rm Split! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Open Flr Plan! Applianced! Recently Finished Lower Level Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove! Storage Rm/Workshop! Garage w/Opener! Private Backyard w/Trex Deck! 1.39 Acres! **$189,900.00**

THOMPSON – 10 Thatcher Rd! Next to Thompson School Complex! Ideal 1st Time Buyer or Down Sizer! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! Applianced! Liv Rm w/Carpet Over Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Attached Garage, Carport, Detached Garage, Screen House & Storage Sheds! **$149,900.00**

THOMPSON – 102 Baker Road! 8 Rm Cape Set on 2.18 Acres! Picture Perfect Interior! Wood Floors Throughout! Fantastic Applianced Granite Kitchen! Super Great Rm! 4 Bedrooms! 2 Full Baths! Kraft Rm/Workshop! Garage! **$267,500.00**

WEBSTER LAKE! 327 Thompson Rd! 3,100' Custom 9 Rm Waterfront Ranch! 2 Complete Living Levels! Ideal Extended Family Set Up! 2 Kitchens! Walk-out Lower Level! 40' Deck & Patio! Hardwoods! Fireplaced! .91 Acres! **$424,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 200 Killdeer Island Rd! Sunsets! 8 Rooms! 4 Bdrms! Lake Facing 16x20 Master! Frplcd Liv Rm! Applianced! 3 Full Baths! Finished Lower Level Family Rm! 4 Decks! A/C! Heated Garage w/Workshop! **$679,000.00**

DUDLEY – 37 Old Southbridge Road! 6 Rm Cape set on 1+ Acre! Applianced Kit! Din Rm! Front to Back Liv Rm w/Brick Hearth! 3 Bdrms! Master Bdrm w/Walk-in Closet & Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2.5 Baths w/Tile Flrs! Huge Rear Deck! **$249,900.00**

WEBSTER - 64 Old Douglas Rd! Custom Split Entry Cape! Over 1 Acre of Privacy! 6 Rms! Cathedral Ceilings! 3 Bdrms! Master Suite w/Bath! 2 Full Baths! Detached 2 Car Garage w/500sq.ft. Loft - "Man Town"! **$249,900.00**

DOUGLAS – 54 Riedell Rd! 7 Rm Gambrel set on 2 Acres w/Stone Walls! Applianced Country Kit! Din Rm, Liv Rm & Fam Rm w/Hardwoods! 3 Oversized Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Newer Roof & Furnace! Recently Painted Exterior! Garage Under! Shed! **$269,900.00**

DOUGLAS - Whitin Reservoir! 25 Cottage Colony Dr! Beach Rights! 3 Rm Ranch! .66 Acres! Approval for New Home w/Septic Plans! Ideal Getaway! Yr Rd! Open Kit, Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Bdrm w/Dble Closet & Wall A/C! 3/4 Bath! Utility/Laundry Rm! **$139,900.00**

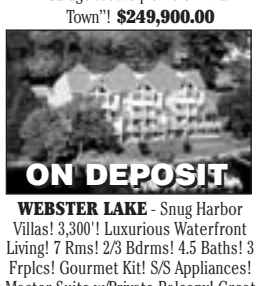
DUDLEY – 266 Ramshorn Rd! Well Maintained 5+ Rm Ranch! Private 1.3 Acre Lot! Applianced Kit! Bay Window Liv Rm! Bath w/New Vanity! 3 Season Rm w/Trey Ceiling! Updated – Furnace, Roof, Siding, Windows, Doors, Driveway & Electrical! Basement w/Woodstove & Workshop! Garage & Shed! **$219,900.00**

DUDLEY – 109 W. Main St! Stately Brick Colonial! Multi Use! 13 Rms! Single Fam w/Inlay Apart / Super 2 Family! Business Zoned! Live & Work From Here! Park Like Grounds! 6/7 Rms! 2/4 Bdrms! 2 Frplcd Liv Rms! 3 Baths! New Furnace! Check It Out! **$299,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE! Killdeer Island! 145 S. Shore Rd! Middle Pond - Southern Exp! Expansive Lake Views! Applianced! Din Area w/Lake Views! Lake Facing Frplce Liv Rm! 3 Bdrms - 2 Lake Facing! Lake Facing Master! 2 Baths! Huge Deck! Level Lawn to Water's Edge! **$429,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE! 12 June Ave! South Pond! Panoramic Views! Excellent Sun Exposure! 7 Rms! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Swimming & Boating! Private 1/3 Acre! Room to Entertain! Major Remodel / Addition 04! Super Kit, Great Rm & Master w/Lake Views! Buderus 4Z Heat! Super Garage! **$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE! Reid Smith Cove! Middle Pond! East Exp - Fantastic Sunrises! Panoramic Views! 220' Waterfront! Wooded, Rustic & Private! Ideal 5 Rm Summer Cottage! Stone Fireplaced Great Rm! 2/3Bdrms! 2 Baths! **$429,900.00**

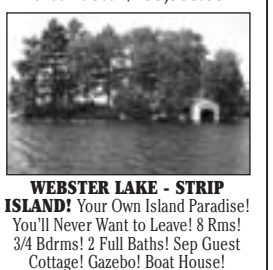


WEBSTER LAKE - Snug Harbor Villas! 3,300'! Luxurious Waterfront Living! 7 Rms! 2/3 Bdrms! 4.5 Baths! 3 Frplcs! Gourmet Kit! S/S Appliances! Master Suite w/Private Balcony! Great Rm w/ Cathedrals, Frplc, Hot Tub & Steam Shower! **$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 77 South Shore Rd! Killdeer Island! Reid Smith Cove! Ideal 6 Rm Summer Cottage! Eastern Exposure = Fantastic Sunrises! 50' Waterfront! Great for All Water Sports! Year Round Potential! In time for Summer! **$279,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – North Pond – 69 Birch Isl Rd! Panoramic Views! 61' Waterfront! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! Open Floor Plan! Kit, Din & Liv Rms All w/Great Lake Views! Beamed Cathedral Ceilings! Lake Facing Master Bdrm w/Sliders to Deck! 2 Bdrms Total! Garage! Swim & Ski from Your Dock! **$379,900.00**

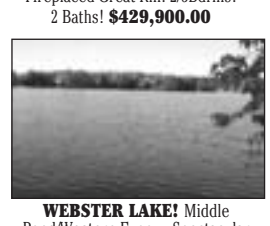
WEBSTER LAKE – 36 Laurelwood! Middle Pond/Reid Smith Cove! Western Exp – Beautiful Sunsets! 90' Waterfront! Fantastic 3/4 Acre Lot! 8 Rm Colonial! Frplcd Liv Rm! 3/4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 3 Car Garage! Mahogany Decks! **$639,900.00**



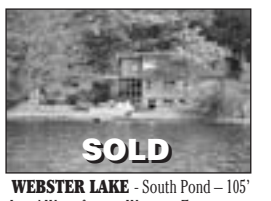
WEBSTER LAKE - STRIP ISLAND! Your Own Island Paradise! You'll Never Want to Leave! 8 Rms! 3/4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! Sep Guest Cottage! Gazebo! Boat House! "Mainland" Lot for Parking w/Garage! Fully Equipped! Pontoon Boat! **$599,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - HOUSE LOT! 58 Laurelwood Dr! Buildable Waterfront Lot! 50' Frontage! Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! 8,239 Square Feet with 180' of Depth! Reid Smith Cove opening to Middle Pond is Ideal for All Water Sports! Build Your Dream Here! **$184,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – Killdeer Island - North Pond! Western Exp – Phenomenal Sunsets! Custom 3000' Dream! 10' Tray Ceilings! Killer Lake Views! Super Lake Facing 3 Rm Master Suite! 3 Bdrms! 3 Marble Tile Baths! Theramador Kitchen! C/Air! Garages! **$649,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE! Middle Pond/Western Expo = Spectacular Sunsets & Views! 80' Waterfront! "Wawela Park"! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round Living! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Cathedral! Applianced! Din Rm or Office! 2 Bdrms - Lake Facing Master! 3 Season Porch! Gas Heat! CAir! 3 Car Garage! Deck! Docks! **$359,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - South Pond – 105' Level Waterfront – Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! 10 Rm Contemp! Lake Views - Most Rooms! Fireplaced! Open Flr Plan! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Jacuzzi! 2.5 Baths! Great for Entertaining & All Water Sports! Slate Patio! 2 Car Gar! And More! **$499,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE! Killdeer Isl - North Pond! NW Exp = Grand Sunsets! 80' Waterfront! 8 Rm Cape! Ideal 2nd Home/Summer Res or Yr Round! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! 1.5 Baths! Enclosed Porch w/Super Water Views! Walk-out Lower Level w/Summer Kit! Recent Windows & Siding! **$419,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – TI Townhouse! 6 Rooms! 1,874 Sq Ft! Applianced! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Sliders to Deck! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Fireplaced Family! Garage! CAir! Gas Heat! CVac! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Sandy Beach! **$259,900.00**

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WEBSTER LAKE – 62 Union Point Rd! Middle Pond! Huge Panoramic Views of the Main Lake! 130' Waterfront! Half Acre Plus! 6 Room Cape! Ideal Second Home or Make it Your Principle Residence! Prime Lot! Won't Last! **$489,900.00**

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Completely updated and restored ca. 1760 antique colonial with full insulation, new clapboards, roof, 12/12 windows, mechanicals and wiring. This 4200 SF 4-bedroom and 3-full bath home has 5 working fireplaces! On 1-1/2 acres all fenced for horses and with a 60x24 barn that houses a 2-car garage, 1 horse stall with hay storage and hay drop and a workshop!

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On a cul-de-sac this 2500 SF home offers a finished lower level with tons of light and a full bath. With 3 bedrooms, a dramatic glass block foyer, and a cathedral ceiling front-to-back living/dining room featuring a lovely brick fireplace, this is a very well thought out home!

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61 May Brook, Woodstock

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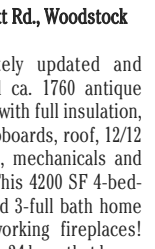

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REDUCED 10K
Southbridge: STUNNING in Like New Condition! 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths. Stainless Steel Appliances! Master Bath! Deck with a VIEW! Great country living! 2 car garage. 1/2 acre. Sturbridge side of town, easy commute to Rt 84 & Mass Pike. $229,900 Owner relocating!

Southbridge: PREMIUM Location! Premium Home! 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths. 1 car attached garage. Bonus Room-1st floor family-room or children's play room! Plus 1st floor laundry. Front to back livingroom with fireplace! Sacrificing for $209,900.

Southbridge: BARGAIN HUNTERS! Lovely older home with 6 rooms 3 bedrooms 1 bath. Walk up attic w/room to expand. Hardwood floors. Updated roof & chimney. Enclosed front porch. Level corner lot-great for gardening & entertaining. Mostly cosmetic work. Electrical being updated. Charlton side of town-great for commuters! $119,900

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STURBRIDGE. Lovely 2 BR, 1.5 bath townhouse condo. Updated kitchen/bath. $149,900. Cindy Sowa Forgit.
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R/E Tax $1962 $199,000

WEBSTER -- NEW CONSTRUCTION!!! 52 ft. Split Level on nicely wooded ONE ACRE near CT line --Bright, open floor plan with vaulted ceiling living room -- dining area with slider to deck -- 3 bedrooms -- private master with double sink vanity full bath -- oak cabinet kitchen -- plumbed for full bath in future lower level family room -- 2-car garage -- town services -- great commuter location near to I 395. Move in to your NEW HOME by springtime!!!
R/E Tax $2800 est $249,900

NEW LISTING
WEBSTER -- Big, solid Three-family wth good updates -- replacement windows, electric panels, roofs, vinyl siding, oil furnaces. Gas and gas on the third floor. Three bedrooms -- living room/dining room combination -- eat-in kitchens, pantries -- each unit has laundry room -- 2 (could be 3) car garage. Nice for owner-occupied or investment.
R/E Tax $2553 $239,900

WEBSTER -- Young, bright, super clean Raised Ranch near with water view of Webster Lake! Ceramic-tiled kitchen with appliances including a brand new range and plenty of cabinets -- three bedrooms -- living room with slider to deck -- radiant heated lower level includes a family room and 4th bedroom -- 2 full baths -- screen-house, shed, stockade fencing -- three-zone oil heat -- 200 amp electric -- lake residential neighborhood -- soon you'll have rhododendrons and azaleas in the front yard!
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• Rob Adams, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Rovezzi's Ristorante, Route 20, Sturbridge, Mass.

• Charlie D, 9 p.m., The Pump House, Southbridge, Mass.

• Jailbreak Band, 9 p.m., Chickering Cafe, 28 Union St.,, Putnam, Conn.

• Stu Kros, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., J.D. Coopers, 146 Park Road, Putnam, Conn.

• Andrew McKnight, 8 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Cafe, Pomfret, Conn., $15

• Positrack, 9:30 p.m., The Gold Eagle, Route 395 Exit 94, Dayville, Conn.

• Donna Dufresne and Gypsy Romantique with Sally Rogers, 7 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church 220 Valley St., Willimantic, Conn.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

• Blues Jam w/Bootsy and Da Funk, 3 to 7 p.m., Chooch's, North Brookfield, Mass.

• Lisa Marie & Reid Trevaskas w/ The Living Bras, 4 to 8 p.m., Dunny's Tavern, East Brookfield, Mass.

• Ellis Paul, 7 p.m., The Vanilla Bean Café, Pomfret, Conn., $15

• Pure Country Band, 5 to 8:30 pm, Moosup VFW, Route 14, Moosup, Conn.

• Open Mic w/Rick Harrington Band, 3 p.m., Cady's Tavern, 2168 Putnam Pike, West Glocester, R.I.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic World, 7:30 pm, Greendale's Pub, Worcester, Mass.

• Open Mic, 8 p.m., English Social Club, 29 Camp St, Worcester, Mass.

• Open Mic w/Brett Brumby, 6:30 p.m., Point Breeze, Webster, Mass.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

• Wicked Wednesday Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., The Lashaway Inn, 308 E. Main St., (Route 9 West Bound), East Brookfield, Mass.

• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic World, 7:30 p.m., Beatnik's, Worcester, Mass.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

• Open Mic, 8 pm, Statz Sports Bar & Grill, North Bookfield, Mass.

• Scotty Marshall, 8 p.m., Dunny's Tavern, East Bookfield, Mass.

• Bill McCarthy's Open Mic World, 7:30 pm, Junior's Pizza, Worcester, Mass.

• Brett Brumby, 7 p.m., Point Breeze, Webster, Mass.

• Brannon and Waters, 8 p.m., The Music Lady, Central Village, Conn.

If you're a live act that would like to be featured, know of someone else who is, or simply want to let us know about an upcoming gig, email me at the address below. Events must be within 10 miles of the readership area and submitted to me by 7 p.m. Thursday of each week to be printed the following week's papers. Keep the music live and not so quiet here in northeastern CT and central MA! E-mail Mark: gettingintune@markrenburke.com

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The Ultimate Voter's Guide

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the system," but not all. "Some people who label us are those who just committed to focusing on special interests … [and it] should not reflect on the other members who do the right thing."

• Boria: "Like it or not, you're guilty by association." Noting he raised 90 percent of his funds within the district, he sees the recent cases as reflecting "too high" a percentage of the legislature.

• Cirba: "When you're taking money from people outside the district, what does that say about the politician?" He's running a low-budget effort, around $1,000, all of it local, and advocates for "legislation that keeps all of the funding local."

• Durant: "All of a sudden this campaign has statewide interest." Criticizes Alicea for getting $50,000 in "independent expenditures" from outside groups, but also agrees that he has personally raised tens of thousands from outside the district.

EDUCATION

• Alicea: A member of the House Education Committee, he argues addressing MCAS and student competitiveness issues is "a challenge," with federal changes becoming "a bigger issue this session" (The Mass. Teachers Association has sent out fliers seeking votes for him).

• Boria: "Reform … should happen every 10-15 years" because things change. "We need to have the ability to change as thing change." He takes issue with the state's wealth redistribution formula, which causes Charlton's school costs to rise "much more than Dudley's" while the state cuts transportation funds.

• Cirba: Objects to 1 percent annual decline in Chapter 70 funding and 7 percent cut in aid next year, which "puts pressure on you folks." Says he doesn't "have any use for the MTA," but they need to be part of the solution. Notes a professor friend of his observed "these kids are coming to college so unprepared."

• Durant: Wants "to bring all our stakeholders together" to present "some of the different method you'd have." To him, the key is "building of mutual trust" between officials and unions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

• Alicea: Citing his 20 years working for the trial court and probation system, he said he has tried to put more funds into police grants. "With the little funds we have, we've been trying to spread them around to keep the lights on."

• Boria: Advocates "mak[ing] sure we all have a great quality of life." If that means funding jails, rehab programs and other efforts, "those monies need to be spent."

• Cirba: "You can't have public safety without making concessions," especially regarding health care. He applauds the House's vote to exempt health insurance from collective bargaining.

• Durant: Sees the government's main goal as "making sure you're safe in your home and your possessions are safe." He argues Spencer has been working with community policing and the sheriff's department "to find some solutions."

TAXES AND FEES

• Alicea: Admits he did vote against cutting the income tax because it would add to the deficit, but says he supports doing it "at the right time." "We're facing challenging times and have to come to a balance. … There is a commitment in the next budget to tax reform."

• Boria: "Taxes are not helping us move forward," so he advocates cutting sales tax to 5 percent and believes future taxes should go to the voters. "All the taxes need to stay where they are or be reduced to get the economy back on track."

• Cirba: Argues state can't keep raising taxes, and "we need to start doing it in our towns first." He advocates funding local needs directly, from the bottom-up, before funding the state.

• Durant: Noted residents voted to cut the tax rate in 2000 and argues lower taxes would help businesses feel comfortable enough to resume hiring.

ENERGY AND FUEL COSTS

• Alicea: Noted the Legislature put more money into regionalization efforts, but still needs to "come up with ways to help towns" meet rising costs.

• Boria: "I can understand we're all at the breaking point." Legislature can't change gas prices, but should look into departments to "find abuses" that might save money and should not increase taxes or cut aid.

• Cirba: "The legislature needs to control the costs." Noted he "spent over $200 last week on gas" because he works in Boston.

• Durant: "Energy independence is a federal issue," but he sees costs as one reason to "move towards more of a recentralizing of our communities." Doing so, he claims, will "allow our communities to start flourishing again."

(Note that the last three also said they support wind turbines with expanded local site control, but Alicea wasn't at Overlook to answer that question).

HEALTH CARE

• Alicea: "The country's watching us and how we handle this." Notes the Legislature plans to take on payment reform this year, and it has been "one of the most popular questions" he gets from voters.

• Boria: "I don't know what the answers are, but a lot of smart people out there do." Sees a need to "cut costs for employees and employers" by changing "how the services are provided."

• Cirba: "It's the number 1 part of my platform." Objects to fact legislators don't have to participate in the insurance mandate, which "touches everything we have to do. … We need to legislate this and have a public option."

• Durant: Opposes both the mandate and a public option, but argues the system needs to change "the costs that come into [it]" so that doctors don't "have to provide defensive medicine."

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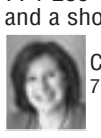

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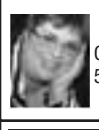

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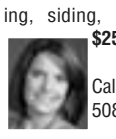

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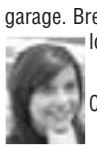

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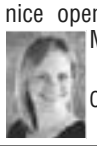

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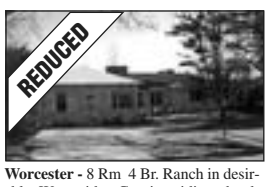

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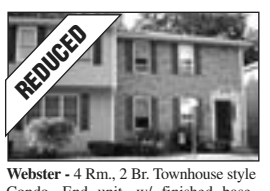

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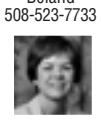

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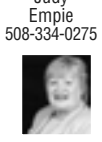

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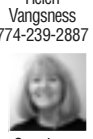

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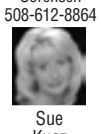

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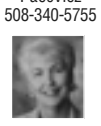

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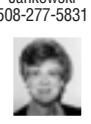

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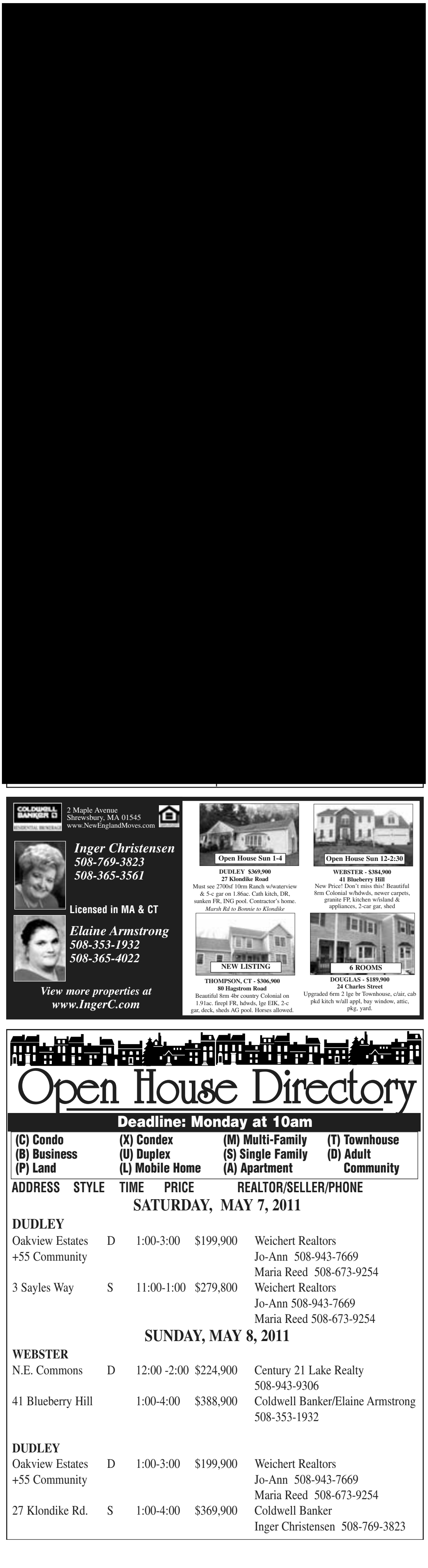

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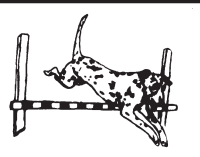

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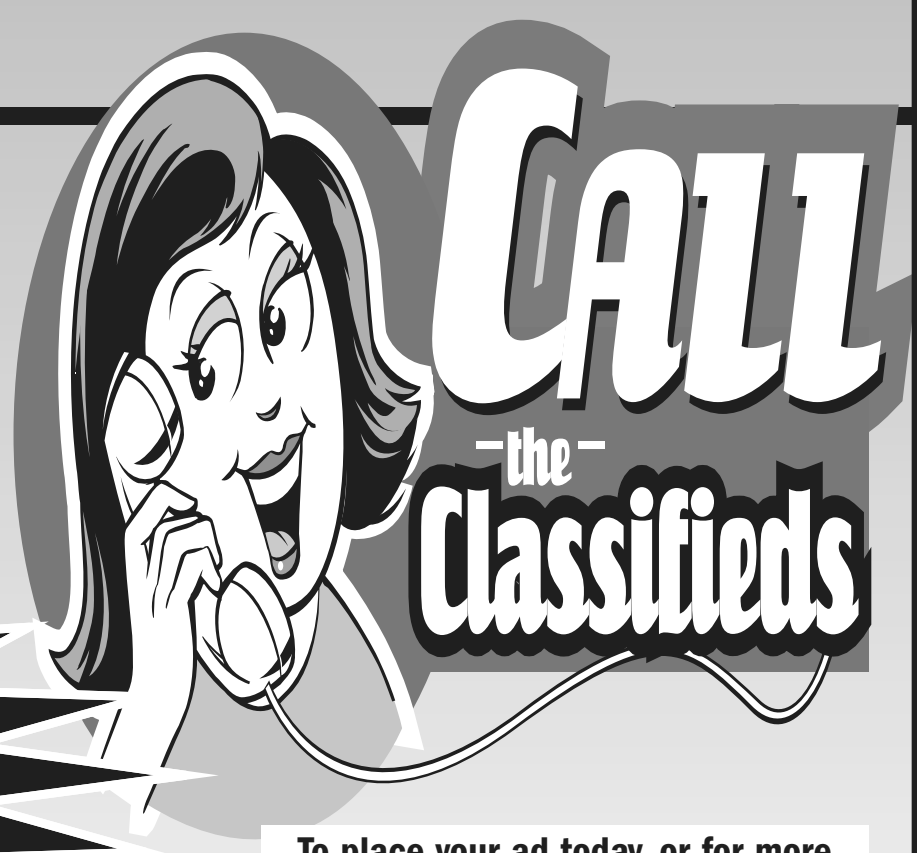

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